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Agawam Scout Revitalizes Lisa Ziegert Memorial

by Kathy Shepard Feature Editor

On a return visit to his former Middle School teachers, Christopher Holl noticed that the courtyard at the school, which was dedicated in memory of Lisa Ziegert approximately seven years ago, looked poorly tended.

Chris promised himself he would landscape the courtyard as the service project segment of his Eagle Scout badge when the time came. This year was the right time, and Chris made good on his promise.

Chris led his troop to completely recreate the little courtyard, weeding, raking, landscaping, planting the grounds, giving them a born-again brightness. Small gravel was placed all around to cover areas which might become moisture-bound. Large flagstones were moved toward the entrance, providing firm footing and an attractive appearance.

Dee Ziegert commented that her daughter, Lisa, used to talk about what wonderful potential this very courtyard offered. "Lisa would have loved Chris," she said.

Holl, a freshman at Agawam High School, enlisted the aid and cooperation of Troop 78, as well as that of his parents and friends, his assistant Scoutmaster Cliff P. Hogan, and area businesses. Chris had a plaque made to thank the companies which donated materials and services.

Chris and his troop members worked to clean up the memorial, which states, simply, "Lisa Ziegert, teacher and friend, 1992." The young people dug holes, planted flowers and bushes, and placed mulch. Photos were taken and kept in a neat photo album, leaving a visual record of every stage of development, showing a before, during, and after view of the improvements as they happened.

Chris arranged to have a small gathering in the courtyard, which was held on May 25th. The Ziegert family and his family, friends, and members of Boy Scout Troop 78, Middle School staff, and town officials all had the opportunity to be part of the rededication of this idyllic, revitalized memorial courtyard to the memo-

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SCOUT CHRISTOPHER HOLL was responsible for the refurbishing of the "Lisa Ziegert Memorial Courtyard" at the Agawam Middle School. Christopher is pictured with Lisa's parents, George and Dee Ziegert. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard



BOY SCOUT CHRISTOPHER HOLL (second from left) led the project to revitalize the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Courtyard at the Agawam Middle School as part of his requirement to become an Eagle Scout. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Members Want Regular Updates...

School Budget Approval Stalled By Coun. Comm.

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Citing a list of unanswered questions, the fivemember Town Council committee on the school budget voted unanimously to withhold a positive recommendation to the full council until it receives a written response from the School Department.

In response to the committee's vote, School Superintendent Frank Ameruoso stated, "Of course, we're open to responding to any questions from the councilors, but I am surprised that the questions were not asked at our meetings or at our public hearing."

Meeting in the Middle School auditorium prior to Monday night's council meeting, the committee's discussion focused on its desire to aggressively monitor progress on resolving the accreditation issues relating to the Agawam High School library and curriculum.

Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita summed up the consensus of the committee, noting, "We don't want to just vote on the school budget and have our work be done. We want monthly progress reports, and I'd like to see us have an ongoing role."

Councilor Gina M. Letellier said she hopes the committee will be given notice of all accreditation meetings at the High School so the councilors can better monitor the progress being made. Councilor Richard C. Morassi said he'd like to make it clear that the committee wants monthly written progress reports from the School Department.

"I thought we were told the warning status on the High School accreditation would not be lifted until the library expansion is complete," Morassi said. "We know that accreditation is going to have a direct impact on the budget. We just don't know how much of an impact."

Even though the councilors have been assured by Mayor Richard A. Cohen and school administrators that bringing the High School library up to accreditation standards will not require major capital expenditures, Bonavita pointed out, "Until it's done and resolved with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, how will we know? Even in the area of curriculum, there could be expenditures. I think it's a very relevant question."

In addition to the questions raised by members of the committee, Councilor (Chairwoman) Jill Simpson wants to know how the School Department arrives at its per pupil level of spending.

Per Pupil Expenditures...

According to figures posted on the Department of Education website, per pupil expenditures in Agawam compared to the state average for the 97/98 school

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lems be known?

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year were:

- * All-day programs Agawam, \$5,425; state, \$6,361.
- * Regular education Agawam, \$4,490; state, \$5,221.
- * Special education Agawam, \$8,076; state, \$9,873.
 - * Bilingual Agawam, \$15,271; state, \$7,106.
 - * Vocational \$7,843; state, \$9,052

Mrs. Simpson said, "I'd like a better explanation of the per pupil expenditure. Since we're still low in the state, I'd like to know how they justify that figure."

Mrs. Simpson agreed to send a letter asking school administrators for monthly progress reports, notice of accreditation meetings, an explanation of per pupil costs, and answers to the following questions:

- * What is the cost justification for hiring a Bostonbased law firm, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, etc., to represent the School Department?
- * As the above law firm has apparently been submitting bills that are not appropriately itemized, why have they been paid?
- * What is the estimated timetable for fully resolving all accreditation issues at the High School?
 - * When will the actual cost concerning the resolu-

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Joseph Russo for a request to waive sidewalks on a portion of the Family Estates subdivision.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman Agawam Planning Board

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tion of the High School library's accreditation prob-

* Since one cannot be certain that expenditures will not be necessary until the curriculum problem at the High School is resolved, when will this happen?

* What amount of the \$177,000 that was budgeted for the all-day kindergarten was put back into the budget?

Council Vice-President Robert M. Young said, "In order for us to vote on the budget with a positive recommendation to the full council, we need to have answers to our questions by June 15th."

The full council will hold a public hearing on the Mayor's budget package at its June 19th meeting. A vote on the budget is expected at that meeting because the deadline for council action on the budget is June 30th.

The Mayor's budget fully funds the School Department request of \$24,369,418 (an increase of \$1,345,228 over last year) and includes an additional \$82,940 for the school councils; \$125,000 in capital improvement funding; and \$2,662,062 in debt service payments. Other highlights of the school budget include 12 new full-time staff positions, nine new part-time staff positions, and a new full-time clerical position. The new positions are being added to continue the commitment to improvement and to reduce class sizes throughout the school system, Cohen said.

JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY:
The AAN's annual "Graduation
Issue" will be published on
Thursday, June 22nd, featuring
coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's
scholarship recipients.

Hazardous Waste Collection, June 17th

The Town of Agawam will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

It will take place at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of Agawam residency is required, and no commercial businesses will be allowed.

This waste collection is by appointment only. For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquids or 20 pounds solid.

WHAT DO I BRING?

From the house: rubber cement; photo chemicals; furniture polish; oven cleaner; drain/toilet cleaners; rug/upholstery cleaner.

From the garage: gasoline/kerosene; antifreeze; engine de-greaser; car wax/polish; driveway sealers; roofing tar.

From the workplace: oil/latex paints; stains/varnishes; wood preservative; paint stripper/thinner; aerosol cans; adhesives.

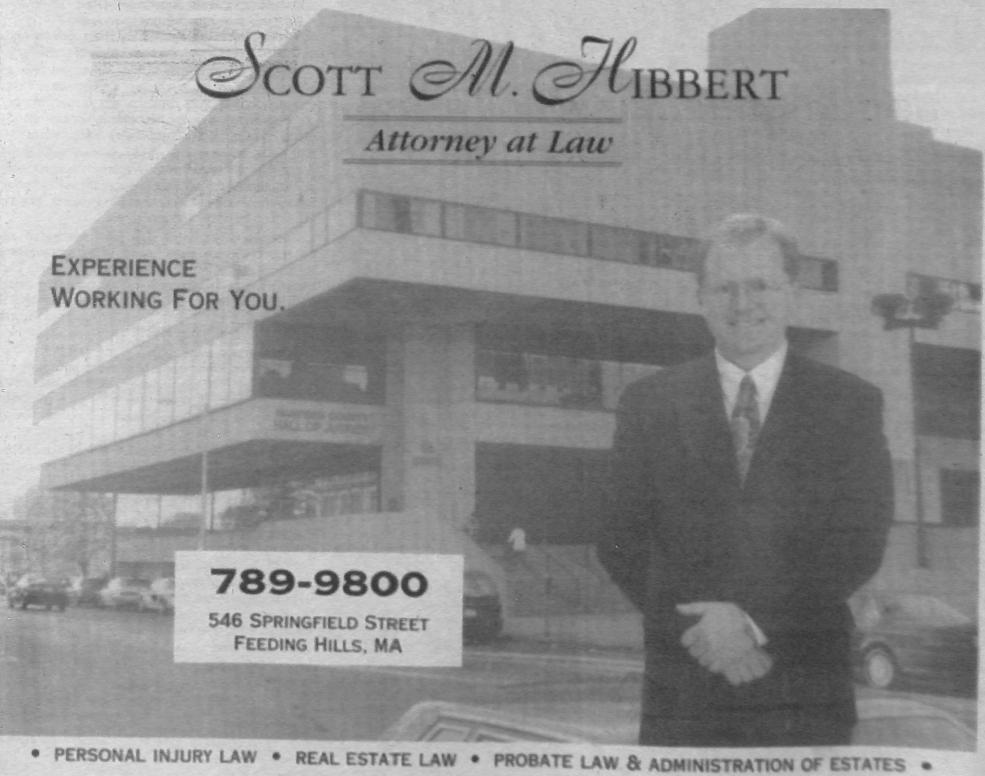
From the yard: insecticides/fungicides; chemical fertilizers; weed killers; flea control products; no-pest strips; pool chemicals; propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!!

- * Empty containers. (DO NOT BRING EMPTY PAINT CANS; dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)
 - * Commercially generated wastes.
 - * Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.
 - * Biological wastes.
 - * Explosives/ammunition.
 - * Prescription medicine/syringes.

Motor oil can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.



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Thank You For Making E.B's WingFest Its Biggest Yet

To The Editor:

On June 1st, E.B's in Agawam held its ninth annual wing eating contest to benefit the Daniel A. Larson Foundation, which offers support and services to local families of homicide victims. Congratulations goes out to our two winners, **Patrick Brames** (who downed 43 TNT wings in just five minutes), and **Andy Leete** (Midway contest). A special recognition goes to **Neil Raymo**, our highest fundraiser who raised over \$1,100!

Hosted and entertained by the Guitar Dudes, this year's WingFest 2000 was E.B's biggest yet, with over 700 people in attendance. The event raised nearly \$3,000 in just a few short hours. Over the past five years, E.B's has raised close to \$13,000 for the Larson Foundation. We feel this is a testament to the generosity of businesses and individuals in this community.

Here is a list of donators and volunteers we would like to give a special thank you to:

Shaker Farms Country Club, Stop & Shop, TV-22 News, Helen Marganti, Agawam Country Club, Taylor Rental, Richie White, Tan Factory, Geissler's Supermarket, Champions Sports Bar, Axler's Bicycle Corner, Fitness First, Six Flags New England, Eastern States Exposition, Old Sturbridge Village, Gino's Package Store, Mohegan Sun, Teddy Bear Pools, Hair & Company, The Bushnell, Alexander's Restaurant, UBU Hair Design, Anything Goes Apparel, Mike Mason.

Blimpie's (Feeding Hills), Sam Adams (Kim Beaudry), Guitar Dudes, Shelley Reed, Chi-Chi's Restaurant, Agawam Advertiser News, Students of Holyoke High School, Dave's Soda & Pet City, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Berkshire Brewing Co., Inc., Agawam Opticians, Plimouth Plantation, Springfield Marriott Hotel, Boston Billiard Club, Limo's Plus Limousine, Agawam Spirit Shoppe, Steve Grogan (former Pat great), Boston Celtics, Boston Bruins Hockey Club, Rock 102 - WAQY, Tim Daggett Gymnastics, Sebastian I, and Walnut Street Cleaners.

Special thanks go out to Betty McCabe, Mike Brunelle, Doug Reed, and Ty Hanson for going above the call of duty. The event would not have been the success it was without their efforts.

Lastly, thank you to **my staff** for their patience, hard work, and caring. Their teamwork makes a very busy night look easy. E.B's wouldn't be where it is today without them. See you at the 10th annual!

Ed Borgatti E.B's Restaurant

Why Would A Person Start Smoking In The First Place?

To The Editor:

I have never smoked, so why should I care if others smoke? I could never understand why a person likes to draw smoke into their lungs.

My wife smoked for many years. She quit some 20 years before she died from asthma. During the last six months of her life, we had to call 911 to rush her to the

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hospital many times. Her brother died at age 62 from lung cancer.

I was glad to convince a friend of mine to stop smoking. I told him what was in store for him if he kept smoking. He thanked me for convincing him to stop.

There shouldn't be any smoking in public places. Look at the cost we pay for people who smoke. Take the money it cost for a pack and give it to charities.

Albino Dalla Pegorara Agawam

Vets' Council Chairman Thanks Grave-Flaggers

To The Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to all those persons who came out on Saturday, May 20th and flagged the graves of veterans in the cemeteries throughout town. It was very uplifting to see so many people, including grandparents, grandchildren, and Boy Scouts join with the veterans and make this important yet solemn occasion a success.

I invite anyone who wants to further help with veterans projects to contact the Veterans' Services office at 786-0400, ext. 236. We can always use the assistance

On behalf of the Agawam Veterans' Council, thanks again to all those who participated.

Sincerely, Christopher N. Sanchez Veterans' Council Chairman

Update On Last Week's Pro Merito Issue

To The Editor:

Last week, I wrote a letter about an unfair graduation award. I would like to say that the issue has been resolved. Due to Mrs. Kosloski's (a member of the School Committee) quick attention to the issue, I will now be graduating with Pro Merito honors. I would like to publicly thank her for her help.

While pursuing this issue, I learned that the School Committee is there to listen and to help the students. Students should feel free to contact a member of the School Committee if they need help.

Andrea Prova Agawam

Resident Thanks Town Emergency Personnel

To The Editor:

My family and I wish to express our gratitude to the EMT Team of Dave Wallace and Frank Cavallo for their prompt and efficient response to my emergency call early Sunday morning, May 14th.

We would also like to thank all of my neighbors and friends who have expressed concern for my condition and offered their help and to all of the St. David's parishioners who prayed for my recovery.

Leo Tonelli Agawam A Word From The Council President...

by Robert Magovern
Agawam
Town Council

President



Editor's Note: As a public service to our readers, Town Council President Robert Magovern will, from time to time, write a column concerning an important issue facing the town government.

Library Vote Was Important

Monday evening, June 5th was an important moment for the City of Agawam. We approved a long overdue Agawam Library expansion. Donna Campbell has worked for years on the passage of a library expansion. One of the reasons for the delay was the lack of state approval for their portion of the construction cost. With the Library board's approval of the \$1,870,407 portion of the bill, we can now move it forward.

Having an up-to-date library is a positive move for all citizens of Agawam. Inside the walls of a library hold the dreams and aspirations of many people who would never otherwise be able to fulfill them. A book holds within its covers undiscovered wisdom. When you read a book, you can be a changed person when you close the cover on the last page. A good library offers not only books, but videos, computer information, music, periodicals, and much more.

Having been brought up around books and visiting the old Main Steet Center Library, I know from a first-hand point of view the importance of a good library. When the new library was built on Cooper Steet, it was a giant step forward. From the plans I have seen for our new addition, I am sure that our new library will have the same impact on our town as the changes from the old Main Street Library. With all the excitement over our new library, I hope that we will not forget Minerva Davis, who made the old library on Main Street possible.

If you have never used the library, your neighbor has, and it improves their life and makes our town a better place for all of us to live. From a dollars and cents standpoint, it not only improves our way of life in Agawam, but also increases our property values. When a family is moving to a new area, one of the resources they look for in their new home is the extra amenities that will make the new hometown special. With the library as planned, I feel that it will go a long way in making Agawam a little more special in one more area.

As your City Council president, I can only say how pleased I am to have had a small role in being a part of the passage of the Library bill. Our role as city councilors is to try and address the needs of our community. I want to thank all of the citizens of Agawam who called with encouraging words about the library expansion

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Council Unanimous In Support Of Library Expansion

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The question was posed by town resident Priscilla Peterson, speaking in support of the library expansion plan at Monday night's Town Council meeting. Where else can one go to enjoy books and videos for free?

About an hour later, the councilors gave their unanimous answer. At a library that is more than doubled in size; is designed in compliance with ADA standards; and provides all patrons a parking lot with nearly three times as many parking spaces where they can safely park their cars.

Urging the council to accept a \$1.8 million grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and to authorize bonding for \$4,250,000 to cover the town's share of the cost of the expansion project, Library Director Donna M. Campbell said renovating and expanding the current library of 15,616 square feet to a 36,395 square-foot facility with a two-story addition in the front of the building will meet the town's library needs for the next 20 years.

Ms. Campbell said the two-level design will allow the library to better accommodate its educational roles by providing space on the second floor for noisier activities and preserving the first floor for quiet activities and study areas.

Desperately Needed Project

Mayor Richard A. Cohen said the project was "desperately needed" and would enhance economic development in town because the quality of the library is one of the first things most prospective homeowners ask about a community.

"The citizens have made it pretty clear that they need it and want this project," Cohen said. "Yes, it's expensive, but it's money well spent."

A dozen town residents, including former Town Council Presidents Jessie Fuller and Joanne Willis and retired Phelps School Principal William Miller, spoke in favor of expanding the library while dozens sat in silent support of the project.

But, their silence was broken by an outburst of

clapping and cheering after the council voted in unanimous support of the three resolutions covering acceptance of the grant, authorization of town funding, and approval of funds for renting a temporary home for the library during construction.

Citing past examples of shortsighted municipal planning, Miller commended Ms. Campbell for her work in planning the library building. "Rarely do we plan for the future," Miller told the councilors. "This is your opportunity to meet the town's future needs."

Retired teacher Ann Bradford said she and her husband, Wesley, were grateful for those who worked to secure the grant funding, grateful for the town council vote in 1996 to seek a grant, adding, "And we'll be thankful tonight if you authorize this project."

One Of The Most Important Council Votes

Echoing the sentiments expressed by many library supporters, Council President Robert A. Magovern said, "This is one of the most important votes we will take as councilors."

After having reviewed all the financial information provided by the town treasurer, Councilor Anthony Bonavita concluded, "This is the most important vote I'll make. It will have the most impact on the town for the next 25 years."

Councilor Joseph Mineo said he had been in support of the project "since day one," but Councilor Robert C. Morassi said he was able to support the library expansion because he had been assured by the administration that the town could also afford to take care of his two top priorities: a new DPW facility and bringing the Agawam High School library up to accreditation standards.

Councilor George Bitzas called the library expansion project "the best thing that's come before the council in a long time" because it will serve the needs of every family and every age group in town.

"This well deserves the taxpayers' money," Bitzas said.

Congratulating Ms. Campbell for her attention to

the details of the library plans as well as her success in mobilizing community support for the project, Councilor Gina M. Letellier noted, "This is the first time I've seen so many people calling and coming to the council meetings."

Ms. Letellier urged the citizens to continue to show their interest in the issues affecting the town. "Stay involved in what's happening in town," Ms. Letellier said. "The town needs people who are motivated by the town's best interest."

At Ms. Letellier's urging, the council amended the resolution authorizing the Mayor to rent temporary quarters for the library during construction, limiting the amount of money for the relocation to \$133,500. Ms. Letellier objected to approving a "blank check" resolution. Her colleagues agreed unanimously.

Cohen said relocating the library will save four to six months in completion time, as well as an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 by eliminating the need to move entrances and provide additional safety equipment to protect library staff and patrons from construction noise, dust, and inconveniences.

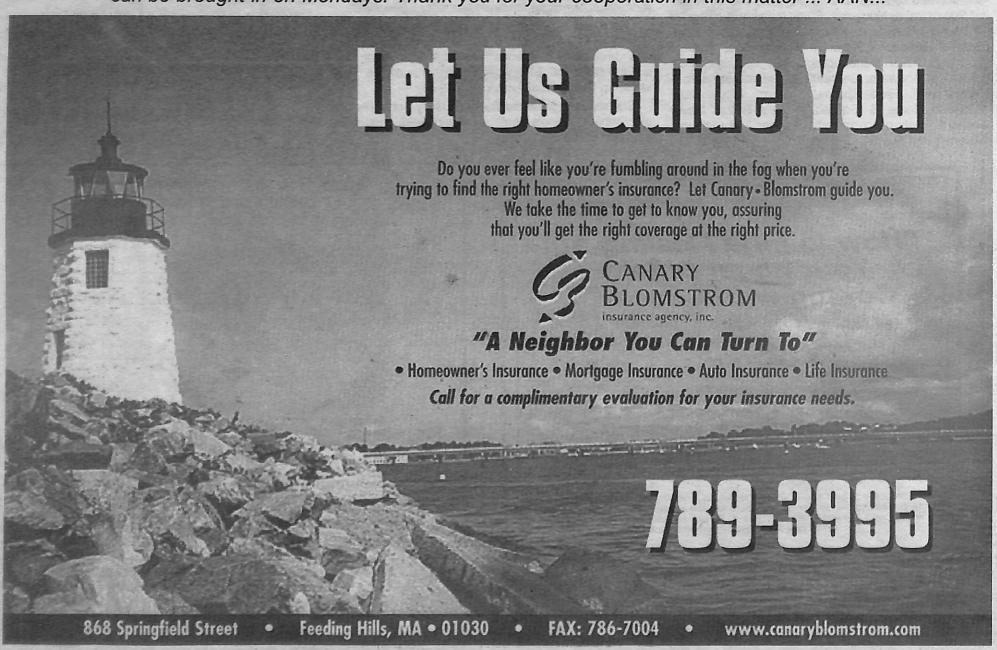
"It will be expensive to move, but in the long run we will be saving money," Cohen said. "And it will not be safe to have the library open during construction."

The library is expected to relocate in October or November before the year-long construction phase beings. Cohen said Ms. Campbell has some locations in mind, but the town must go out to bid on the project before a site can be selected.

The upper level of the expanded library will house the noisier activities, including children's services, the circulation desk, an adult lounge, as well as adult fiction, large print, and young adult fiction sections. There will be space for a separate, greatly enlarged children's room along with the community room where youngsters can express themselves without disturbing adults or students doing serious research.

The lower level will be limited to quiet activities, quiet study areas, the reference section, adult nonfiction, and computers.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!



- Agawam Obituaries -



Jeannette Y. (Asselin) Campbell, 72, of 52 Adams Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing

She was the head cashier at the former Springfield Hospital and the owner of Campbell Sharp All in

Born in Chicopee, she was a 1945 graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and lived in Agawam for several years.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a founder of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club.

She leaves her husband of 51 years, Donald J. Campbell; a son, Agawam Police Chief Robert D. Campbell of Agawam; four daughters, Suzanne J. Rua of Springfield, Linda D. Boissonneault of Agawam, Agawam Public Library Director Donna M. Campbell of Feeding Hills, and Sandra A. Campbell of Boston; three sisters, Irene Valego of Springfield and Lorraine Marchand and Lillian Charron, both of Chicopee; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Joan M. Kinney

Joan M. (Charon) Kinney, 66, of South Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for 40 years and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church for 40 years.

She leaves her husband, Raymond C. Kinney; a son, Michael R.; a daughter, Celeste M. Kinney; her mother, Marguerite (Fennell) Charon; a sister, Judith C. Anderson; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Hafey Springfield Chapels, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Catherine V. Leary

Catherine V. (Germain) Leary, 84, of 40 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, a former Springfield teacher, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a teacher at the former Holy Family School in Springfield. She joined the faculty in 1964 and developed a science curriculum for junior high school students. She was named one of the "outstanding teachers of America" in 1974.

She also taught at the Trinity Nursery School and in the public schools, both in Springfield, and also worked for the Red Cross.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from Cathedral High School and from Elms College in Chicopee. A former Springfield resident, she was a communicant of that city's Holy Name Church and a past president of its Rosary Altar Society.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, James F. Leary; three sons, James F. "Cricket" of Dresden, Maine, Martin F. of Radcliff, Kentucky, and John E. of Camillus, New York; seven daughters, Mary A. Boon of Gloucester Point, Virginia, Sister Catherine Leary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Springfield, Noreen Gallagher-Smith of El Paso, Texas, Denise Leary-Jones of Milwaukee, Frances Kollenz of Mulhausen, Germany, Tracy Stearns of Phoenix, Arizona, and Clare DeCosmo of Vero Beach, Florida; a sister, Margaret Morey of Enfield, Connecticut; 23 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mont Marie, Holyoke, MA 01040, or Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Bruno G. Pello

A graveside service was held on Monday afternoon, June 5th, in St. Michael's Cemetery for Bruno G. Pello, 67, of Agawam, who died on February 15th at home.

He worked at the U.S. Postal Service Bulk Mail Center in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield and retired in 1994. He worked previously at Monsanto Chemical Co.., also of Indian Orchard, for

Born in Springfield, he graduated from Springfield Technical High School in 1949 and was an Army vet-

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and a long-time member of the YMCA and the Italian Men's Club, both in Springfield.

Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy S. Pioggia

Dorothy S. (Thompson) Pioggia, 76, of Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She was a 16-year employee of Strathmore Paper Co. in Russell.

Born in Agawam, she lived in West Springfield and spent most of her life in the Agawam/Feeding Hills

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Auxiliary.

Her husband, Mario Pioggia, died in 1987.

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MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN (left) and Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella (right) were very impressed with the work done at the "Lisa Ziegert Memorial Courtyard" at the school by Boy Scout Christopher Holl. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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ry of Lisa Ziegert. Appropriately, the sun was shining on the manicured and beautifully landscaped grounds.

Mayor Richard Cohen said a few words, thanking Chris for his insight. "This courtyard means so much to the people of this town and to Lisa's memory. We are grateful to Chris, his troop, his parents, friends, and all who made this happen."

Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella said, "This is a wonderful, living memorial in memory of Lisa, who we remember and love very dearly. It will be used by students and staff. The work done has greatly improved the courtyard, and the refurbishment enhances the entire area."

Mrs. Ziegert added, "I thank Chris so much because things like this keep Lisa's memory alive." Mrs. Ziegert told us that after Lisa's death, "The idea for the memorial came into being through talks amongst the teach-

Now Chris Holl, of like mind, has given new life to the memorial and has brought the memory of a wonderful person to the fore once again. "Lisa would have loved Christopher," Mrs. Ziegert said. "She would have really appreciated his enthusiasm and creativity."

Christopher Holl had a plaque made to thank those who donated supplies, time, or services. The list included Robert Baker Nurseries, Frank Nursery, Kitchens of Distinction, George & Hjordis Schlagel, Sarat Ford, Garden Emporium, Agawam Rotary Club, Barbara Connery, Clover Construction, Herb & Shirley Holl, UNICO of Agawam, Geissler's Supermarket, Herb & Teresa Holl, Fred Shamy, Agawam Lions Club, Westfield Home & Garden, Nicky's Pizza, Mayor Richard Cohen, Agawam Soccer Association, Malone's and Boy Scout Troop 78.

Noble Hospital and Center of Hope invite you to attend

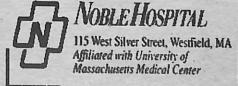
"How to Find Healing at Your Local Diner: Coping with Cancer

Presentation by Ann Hallstein Thursday, June 15, 2000 6.30 p.m.

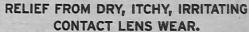
Conference Room A Noble Hospital 115 West Silver St., Westfield, MA

Ann Hallstein is ordained in the United Church of Christ, has worked as a hospital chaptain, has a pastoral counseling practice in Northampton, writes and speaks on the subject of healing, and is a survivor of breast cancer.

The program is free and open to the public. Friends, family members, health care professionals and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited and pre-registration required, To pre-register call HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328. Refreshments provided.









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Council Committee Okays Portion Of Mayor Cohen's First Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Recommending no cuts during its budget deliberations, Town Council budget sub-committee number one unanimously gave tentative approval to the 10 sections of the town budget under its stewardship at a meeting held in the Town Hall conference room last week.

Chaired by Councilor George Bitzas, the threemember committee is responsible for scrutinizing departmental budgets for town council, the offices of the Mayor, Town Clerk, Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer/Collector, as well as the Law Department, the Council on Aging, Data Processing, and the miscellaneous expenditures of the Line Items budget.

Bitzas, along with Council Vice-President Robert M. Young and Councilor Joseph Mineo, gave a green light to a little over \$12 million of the \$56.5 million spending proposal sent to the council by Mayor Richard A. Cohen last month.

Town Council will hold a public hearing on the budget at its June 19th meeting. A council vote on the budget is expected at that meeting as another meeting is not scheduled before the June 30th deadline for council action.

In the budget for his office, Cohen is consolidating the expenses for Town Hall maintenance into a newly created Administration Building Account, which includes a \$50,000 reserve for heat and electricity as a cushion to cover fluctuations in energy costs as well as the additional cost of providing heat and electricity to the school additions.

Proposal To Add Senior Clerk Position

Also, Cohen is proposing to add a senior clerk to his staff. "With the expansion of the city, I think it's necessary," Cohen said. "Anyone who's been up to the Mayor's Office has heard the phones constantly ringing and sometimes there is no one to cover them."

With a level-funded budget reflecting negotiated salary increases and slight increases in utilities, Council on Aging Executive Director Richard Mundo said his departmental budget "runs in line with the Mayor's attempt to streamline and maintain fiscal conservancy."

Mundo said he believes his staff is "seriously underpaid" for the amount of work that they do. "People working in the human services field are historically underpaid," Mondo added.

Town Solicitor Thomas Locke told the councilors he cannot be sure the addition of \$20,000 in his budget for professional services will be enough to cover the demands placed on the Law Department with five new councilors and a new Mayor. Locke said requests for legal services have gone up tremendously since the first of the year.

"Obviously, the new Mayor is not an attorney and legal services to the Mayor's Office have increased considerably," Locke explained. "Also, with five new councilors, there's been an increase in requests for legal service to the council. And there are things that don't come up every day from the other departments, too."

Assessor Chester Nicora explained the doubling of the cost of professional consulting services for his department to \$129,345 as necessary for the use of experts in valuation for Berkshire Power and Tennessee Gas for ongoing and anticipated Appellate Tax Board cases.

"Berkshire Power is going to be assessed for \$165 million," Nicora said. "Our consultant will defend our valuation for 1999 and 2000 at the Appellate Tax Board and we're trying to settle a case with

Tennessee Gas that has been going on for seven years."

Nicora said he hoped his department would not need to expend the entire appropriation, but would be able to return some of the money to the town at the end of the year.

In the Line Items budget, an increase of \$15,000 for veterans' benefits is justified by the increase in contacts, particularly among Korean War veterans, and an increase in requests for the burials of indigent veterans, according to Veterans' Agent Edward Kellogg.

Treasurer/Collector Laurel Placzek said long-term debt service has increased by \$700,000 due to the school expansion and renovation projects completed last year.

\$20 Million Over Three Years In School Improvements

"We spent \$20 million over the last three years on school improvements and now we need to pay for that," Ms. Placzek said. "The total debt service (in the budget) is \$2.6 million for the schools and \$280,000 for town projects. The line item 'other debt service' has been level funded at \$75,000 in anticipation of a bond issue for the library expansion project."

Ms. Placzek said the \$75,000 appropriation covers band charges for existing debt, bond counsel costs, registration fees, and other costs associated with temporary and permanent bond issues, as well as the interest costs for temporary borrowing until issues are permanently bonded. Medicare and insurance costs are up due to an increase of 15 percent in insurance premiums and the addition of 16 new positions within the School Department, Ms. Placzek said.

The town pays half of the cost of medical insurance premiums for town employees.



Council Approves Super Food Mart Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli **News Editor**

A landmark for the last 47 years, the Food Mart store on Springfield Street will soon be demolished and replaced with a new 60,000 square-foot, state-ofthe-art Super Food Mart on the same site.

On Monday evening, Town Council unanimously agreed to a plan supported by Mayor Richard A. Cohen, the Planning Board, and the directors of the town's Planning and Public Works Departments and the Building Department. Consisting of three resolutions, the plan will allow the new structure to be built to the company's specifications for a superstore and still comply with the zoning code.

Late last year, A&P New England Group, the operator of Waldbaum's Food Mart, and Franklin Realty Company, the property owner, announced their decisions to close the facility, demolish the building, and construct an expanded superstore.

The existing building was built before the exactment of the zoning code which requires a rear yard setback of 40 feet. In order for the new facility to be constructed with the required setback (without the loss of parking spaces critical to the A&P design for the front of the building), Cohen supported a proposal to discontinue town ownership of 10 feet of the Agawam Shopping Court right of way and merge that

parcel with the property owned by Franklin Realty.

Cohen said the 10-foot strip includes the shoulder, tree-belt, and utility area of the Agawam Shopping Court and does not include any paved portion of the

"The town will continue to control and maintain the area through the easement to the town from Franklin Realty," Cohen said. "As a practical matter, the end result will be a 'paper' transaction.'

Also, the town will gain tax revenue because the transaction will mean an increase in the value of the land parcel and an increase in the value of the new superstore, Cohen said

Fran Cataldo, managing general partner of Franklin Realty, told councilors Monday night, "My father started the Food Mart in 1953 with the opening of the Agawam store. With the passage of the resolutions, we'll be able to remain a part of your community for many years to come."

Councilor Gina M. Letellier asked the Mayor if he was concerned about setting a precedent that could result in other businesses seeking concessions from the town to avoid the possibility of locating elsewhere.

Rather than opening "Pandora's Box," Cohen said he believes the measure is a user-friendly way for the

town to preserve a valuable asset to the town residents who have enjoyed shopping there for years and a valuable source of employment opportunities for teens and senior citizens.

"...Opportunity For Growth In Tax Revenue..."

"This is an opportunity for growth in tax revenue at no cost to the town," Cohen said. "I'm not saying we'll do this for every business, but as things come up, we'll look at the situation."

Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita agreed that the three resolutions were designed to provide zoning relief to a business that would not be able to meet the requirements for a zoning variance. "But, we're not doing something that is detrimental to the town. This won't affect the right of way, and we're getting an back on the property." easement Noting that he is happy to see a business-friendly atmosphere aimed at retaining established businesses, Councilor Kent Servis said, "Sometimes we're in such a rush to welcome large new businesses that we forget to dance with the ones who brought us."

Cataldo said he expects the permitting and construction of the new store to take approximately one

Thanks For Making Agawam's Memorial Day Parade A Wonderful Event

by Edward Kellogg Veterans' Agent - 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Memorial Day has come and gone, but the memory lives on. This office, with the help of the Veterans' Council, the American Legion, VFW, and all our helpful volunteers (as well as the cooperation of the weatherman), we put on a wonderful parade and a wonderful day in the Town of Agawam.

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She leaves three sons, Ronald M., Mario A., and Michael D., all of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Donna M. Pioggia of Feeding Hills; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

John P. Sullivan

John P. Sullivan, 86, of Cardinal Drive, Agawam, and formerly of 49 Spencer Street and 47 Worcester Avenue, Springfield, died recently at home.

A 30-year U.S. Postal Service employee, he worked at the Tapply Street, Springfield branch, and was a postal clerk and speechwriter and spokesman for the Springfield postmaster. He retired in 1972.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1932 graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School.

An Army veteran of World War II, he attended Officer Candidate School and was a first lieutenant in England, where he oversaw military postal operations.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, the former Margaret P. Lynch; a son, John P. Jr. of Charlestown, Rhode Island; a daughter, Noreen P. Sullivan of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral and calling hours were private, and Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrange-

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

The American flags - along with the enthusiastic ing. Even if your uniform did shrink, put on your "coltownspeople - lined Main Street. As I walked down the street myself, I noted many prior servicepeople displaying their "colors" (military hats, jackets, etc.).

Next year, I want to personally invite all those veterans to join me in the parade, either marching or rid-

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Agawam Lioness Club Elects New Officers



THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB ELECTED new officers and members of its board of directors at the annual banquet at Storrowton Tavern. From left, board of directors members Mary Roy, Marsha Finck, Ann Jackobek, and Beverly Tetreault. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



NEW OFFICERS FOR THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB are pictured at the annual banquet at Storrowton Tavern. From left - Patricia Lalancette, treasurer; Eileen Wisniewski, secretary; Joann McGeoghan, second vice-president; and Rosemarie Kieffer, president. Missing: Alice Olson, first vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Grange No. 382 To Host Strawberry Supper, June 20th

Community Grange #382 will hold their 21st annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday, June 20th. The supper will be held at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St. in Feeding Hills with continuous servings from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of ham, homemade potato

Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. Walk-salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, pickles, straw
will be accepted and the public is invited to attend.

berry shortcake with real whipped cream, and a choice of beverages.

Donation is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Reservations can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. Walk-ins will be accepted and the public is invited to attend.

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PAST AGAWAM LIONESS PRESIDENT BEVERLY TETREAULT (right) hands over the gavel for the 2000-2001 club year to new President Rosemarie Kieffer (left) as Joann McGeoghan, the second vice-president, looks On. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast At The Italian Sporting Club

A Father's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 18th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper St., Agawam.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chief Grady Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

The Italian Sporting Club officers and committee members include Rudy Altobelli & Anthony Chicketti, co-chairmen; Anita Hastings, secretary; Robert Rossi, treasurer; and Scholarship Committee members Kay Muzzy, Martha Jerry, Bob Swikalus, Louis Ball, Matt Blackak, and Ben McCullough.

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Benefit Supper For Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove Scheduled For Saturday, June 24th

At 83 and disabled himself, Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of Tonelli's Little River Inn, is still cooking for a crowd. He, along with family members, friends, and church members, will be serving his famous chicken and spaghetti supper to benefit his grandson, Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove, who was a victim of a near-drowning accident in 1995. The supper will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield, on

Saturday, June 24th.

Jonathan, grandson of Al & Pearl Tonelli, suffered a setback this past year and continues to require 24-hour care. The funds raised from this supper will be used to pay for additional physical, swallow, and speech therapy. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pompano Beach,

Florida.

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting two seatings for the meal; one at 5:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this event can be obtained through Lisa (Tonelli) Gentile at 788-9541, or through Al & Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Desserts will be made by the generous folks at Grace Lutheran Church.

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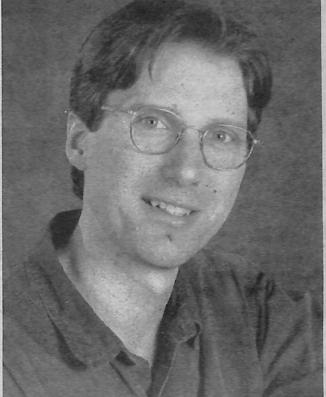
Ag. Senior Center To Sponsor Free Concert on Wednesday, June 21st

Folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond will perform for a free public concert in honor of senior citizens sponsored by the Agawam Golden Age Club, on Wednesday, June 21st at 2:00 p.m.

The program will take place at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright St. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Van Egmond's program, "Hats Off To Seniors," celebrates the wit, wisdom, and spirit of seniors through tales, tunes, and songs - from the rib-tickling to the spine-tingling to the heart-warming. Van Egmond accompanies himself on a wide variety of traditional instruments, including guitar, hammered dulcimer, and limberjack (a wooden puppet that taps out a rhythm dancing on a paddleboard). His high-spirited enthusiasm, warmth, and engaging humor create a moving and enjoyable experience for all who hear him.

Van Egmond has performed for all ages throughout the country, appearing at hundreds of schools, libraries, and community centers, and on a number of television and radio programs. He is a prominent member of the Western New England Storyteller's Guild, and a featured artist in the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Event and Residency Programs for schools.



TIM VAN EGMOND, folksinger & storyteller, will perform for a free public concert at the Ag. Senior Center, June 21st.

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Peter Pan Launches RiverBus 2000

Along The CT River

Peter Pan has launched its "RiverBus" tours along the Connecticut River for the 2000 season, and is introducing several new themed summer evening cruises.

The narrated tours are now in operation weekdays, Monday through Friday, at 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, an additional 10:15 a.m. departure is available.

In June, July, and August, Peter Pan is offering a new series of themed cruises, including Fifties Night on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (\$9.95 per person) with music from the rock and roll era; a River of Blues Cruise (\$15 per person) on Fridays, departing at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. with live blues music provided by "Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze"; an Irish Cruise and dinner (\$26.50 per person) on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.; and a Jambalaya Cruise (\$14 per person) on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. with Zydeco music and Cajun cuisine.

The RiverBus will again feature Mexican Cruise and dinner on Thursdays during the summer months, departing at 6:00 p.m. (\$26.50 per person) with dinner at Nana O'Leary's Restaurant.

A historical and environmental narration provides an entertaining and educational experience for passengers on the regular daily tours of the RiverBus. Tickets are \$9.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children aged three to nine; and free for children three and under.

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You will discover one of the most beautiful areas in New England on this day as our journey begins in Shelburne Falls, MA. Join the thousands of visitors from around the world as you walk over the Bridge of Flowers. The former 400-foot Trolley Bridge spans the Deerfield River and was built in 1908. In 1929, it was transformed and is still meticulously tended by the Shelburne Falls Women's Club. Spring is in the air, as over 500 varieties of plantings assure beautiful flowers from April tulips through the chrysanthemums of fall in October.

Next, we will stop at The Countree Living Restaurant in Millers Falls, MA. The luncheon will begin with spinach salad, rolls, and butter. Your choice of entree is chicken francaise, roast top sirloin, or baked Boston scrod. All entrees are served with red roasted potatoes, chef's choice of vegetables, coffee or tea, and the chef's famous strawberry ice cream pie.

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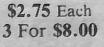


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Flag Day Concert Set For June 14th At Ag. Senior Center

Research for "flag songs" has turned up a great number of possible selections for the concert at the Agawam Senior Center on Wednesday evening, June 14th. The program will be using only 14 of them, for the most part putting the emphasis on the spirit of democracy and freedom for which the flag stands, and a celebration of that spirit.

Flag Day has its own distinctive focus, using the flag as its centerpiece. The search for flag songs led chorus director Darcy Davis through many piles of sheet music and a number of old and new song books, including: "America's Story In Song" (pub. 1975), "The American Heritage Song Book" (1969), "Treasure Chest Of Songs" (1932), "Songs Of The Nation" (1896), "The Golden Book Of Favorite Songs" (1923), and Volume 9 of "The Library Of 1,000 Top Pop Songs" (1942).

The criteria for selection to the program was that the song had to mention the flag. Songs selected for the program include not only a majority of well-known favorites, but also two songs by Agawam residents that have not been heard for many years, and one new one that will be performed for the first time.

Among the songs that will not be sung are: "There's A Star-Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere," "The Flag Of My Country," "Our Flag Is There," "Flag Song," "The Battle Cry Of Freedom," "There's A Beautiful Flag," "Fling Out The Banner," "The Red, White And Blue," "Song To The Flag," "A Starry Flag Of Union," "The American Flag," "Speed Our Republic," "Hymn To The Flag," "Praise We Our Land," "Old Glory Gleams," "Flag Of The Free," "E Pluribus Unum," "The Flag Of Our Union Forever," "Flag Of 76," "Our Flag Is There," "Rally Round The Flag," "Sleeping For The Flag," and "Wrap The Flag Around Me, Boys."

The Flag Day Concert will open with "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Pledge of Allegiance. The

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Ag. Jr. Women's Club Plans June International Mtg.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its International Dinner and Chinese Auction on Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street.

Members will bring an international dish to share for dinner. For the Chinese Auction, each member brings an international item, such as French wine, Swiss cheese, or German chocolate to be raffled at the end of the evening.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved. For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Leonard House.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

Ag. Garden Club Schedules June Mtg.

The Agawam Garden Club will be meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main St.

Learn all you wanted to know about desert and dry terrain, flowers and plants (we still could have a drought!) with the fascinating speaker, Jack Megas.

Mr. Megas is an expert on the desert, plus being an astronomer and he will present a slide presentation entitled "Springtime in the Southwestern Desert" with time for a question and answer period. Don't forget your "heavenly" questions also!

The payment for our June 24th bus trip to Shelburne Falls and Deerfield area gardens is due at the meeting or before.

A raffle will also be held at the meeting. Guests are welcome. there is a \$2 guest fee. Refreshments will be served.

Do come and enjoy. For information, call Terry at 786-6482 or Barb at 562-1507.

Heritage Hall Slates Tag Sale For June 17th

The Activity Department of Heritage Hall North will be having a "Tag Sale" to benefit the Resident Council Fund on the first floor, Wing A porch on Saturday, June 17th.

The sale will be held rain or shine. For further information, please contact Kathy Newman at 786-8000, ext 282.

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West Spfld. Launches "WestSide's Taste On The Common"

The West Springfield Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from the office of the Board of Selectmen, Town of West Springfield, will produce the first annual WestSide's Taste on the Common, June 9th-11th on the Town Common.

"We are very excited about having West Springfield host its first-ever 'Taste' event," says James Russell, Executive Secretary of the Board of Selectmen. "In addition to terrific food, we'll have attractions for all ages. We're going to present a fun weekend for everybody who attends."

More than 20 area restaurants will be serving some of their most popular recipes, offering an array of appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Participants include Angelo's, B'Shara's, Caffeines, Cerrato's, Colosseum, Crest Room, Ground Round, Hofbrauhaus, Mamma Mia, Quicky's, Sabrina's, and Simon Sez.

Live entertainment will be featured during the Taste, with several area performers slated to appear. They include the David Bovat Dancers, Brass Attack, Broken Spoke, Gan Aimn, The Majestics, Frank Manzi, Memories, Schmooze By, Sounds of Music, Swingtime, Trailer Park, and Victory. The event will also feature tethered hot air balloon rides (weather permitting) provided by Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, and kiddie rides.

WestSide's Taste on the Common will run Friday, June 9th (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.), Saturday, June 10th (11 a.m. to 11p.m.), and Sunday, June 11th (12 noon to 8 p.m.). Proceeds from the event will benefit several West Springfield-based organizations, including D.A.R.E. and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Several area facilities will offer their parking lots to attendees to facilitate parking.

For further information, contact the West Springfield Town Hall at (413) 263-3000.

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program continues with "Thank Your Lucky Stars And Stripes," "There Are Many Flags From Many Lands," "The Glorious Stripes And Stars," "I Need America," "Flag Song," "Columbia, The Gem Of The Ocean," "Old Glory Goes Marching On," "Old Glory," "Let's Bring New Glory To Old Glory," "You're A Grand Old Flag," "National Emblem March," "Stars And Stripes Over Iwo Jima," "This Is A Great Country," "Your Land And My Land," and "The Stars And Stripes Forever." During the past three years, The Memory Lane Chorus has performed over 150 songs. Twelve of the flag songs can be added to that list. The Flag Day Concert will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, and there is no admission charge for the 7:00 p.m. concert on June 14th.

AGAWAM HIGH HONOR GUARD

During the years 1966 through 1972, the basic equipment for the Guard had changed with the addition of two more flags, and brown boots became the standard footwear. The featured baton twirler often continued the Indian motif, and the Color Guard Captains went into all-white uniforms along with the standard headdress.

The baton group was incorporated into the Color Guard with sabers instead of batons, and additional members were added in the 16-member, large flagtwirling section. Senior members were usually assigned positions in the Honor Guard, with Junior members in the new section.

The background for many of the pictures that have appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News* over the past several weeks was the scenery used for the previous year's Broadway musical production.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank your for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN !!!

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Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

Question: My hands look and feel so dry. Is there anything I can do?

Answer: This has been a question many people with all kinds of jobs and daily routines ask. Some say that your hands tell the story of your life, but they don't have to! Dry, damaged hands are a problem for all of us (men and women alike), resulting from washing dishes, gardening, fixing your car, and working in the environment. Complaints come from housewives, nurses, hairdressers, schoolteachers, mechanics, firemen, and policemen alike.

First, let's understand how the skin works. It is your body's largest organ, designed to protect you from the outside world. Your face and hands are always exposed to the elements, so they take the most abuse and show your age first. The outer layer, called the epidermis, produces and sheds new skin cells continuously. In younger persons, this cycle takes about two weeks, while the older person can take twice as long. Most over-the-counter products work on this layer

The next layer is the dermis, where your sebaceous (or oil) glands, sweat glands, nerve endings, and blood vessels - plus stored water and fat - are located. The skin produces melanin in this layer, which determines your skin tone and turns your skin darker when you tan. Most important are two fibers, collagen and elastin, that are responsible for your

All-Church Tag Sale -Saturday, June 10th

A Giant, All-Church Tag Sale will be held at First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The event will be held rain or shine. The sale will include items from the many families throughout the church and will include a piano, a slant-top desk, books, dishes, children's items, other varied pieces of furniture, and much more.

Anyone is welcome to donate to the sale, and arrangements can be made for pick-up.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help fund the many programs of the church.

For further information, please call the church office at 668-7223 or Norma Cobb at 668-5443.

skin's flexibility and resilience. When these break down from UV rays, the environment, and normal aging, you are left with dry, wrinkled skin with loss of elasticity. This process is inevitable, but there are many products on the market to help. The main secret is to find what works for you and then to be consistent.

I believe that you should get your skin back to a more normal state by faithfully attending to your problem. I have had such dry cracked hands they actually were bleeding! I found that covering my hands with petroleum jelly and putting on white cotton gloves when I went to bed was about the only quick fix I could find. After they healed, I mixed a quarter-cup plain yogurt with a quarter-cup dried apricots and one tablespoon honey together in a blender until the mixture was smooth. I smoothed this on my hands, wrapped them in Saran Wrap for 20 minutes, and then rinsed with warm water.

The yogurt and honey are great for softening and moisturizing, while the apricots contain vitamin A that can heal damaged cells in the top layer of skin. Follow with a good hand cream and cuticle oil. If you like homemade natural products, then try mixing one teaspoon olive oil and one teaspoon vitamin E oil together, and massage into the cuticle and on the natural

Just recently, I found a new product called Gloves In A Bottle, which you apply like a regular hand lotion. According to dermatologist Peter Helton, "It keeps skin healthy, healed, and soft by helping to prevent environmental irritants from penetrating the skin and also retains the body's natural moisture." It can be applied before using any product in the home or workplace that can be harsh on the skin. It lasts four hours or more and does not wash off; it comes off with the exfoliated skin cells.

We have been using it here in our salon and it really works well. Stop in and try a bottle today. Give yourself a treat and book a wonderful spa manicure for yourself, or get a gift certificate for that special gradu-

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 12th: Hamburg/gravy on mashed potatoes, sauteed cabbage, rye bread, banana.

Tuesday, June 13th: Open-faced turkey sandwich, stuffing with gravy, tossed salad, pears.

Wednesday, June 14th: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Thursday, June 15th: Pork cutlet with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, June 16th: "Father's Day Picnic" - BBQ chicken leg, potato salad, corn on the cob, Vienna bread, strawberry shortcake.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Trading Post To Hold Final Sale Of The Season

Join your neighbors and your friends and come to the Trading Post's final sale of the season. Everything is half-off at the best sale of the season, held at First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street.

Don't miss out on the sale, to be held Wednesday, June 14th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A \$4 bag sale will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

We wish all of our customers a safe and memorable summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

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"Graduation Issue" will be published on Thursday, June 22nd, featuring coverage of AHS and collegiate graduates and this year's scholarship recipients.



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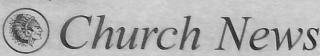




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St. David's Hold Monthly Roast Beef Supper



HAPPY KITCHEN HELPERS at last month's roast beef supper held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills. From left - Ted & Janet Kopyscinski and Joanne & Bob Hudson. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ST. DAVIDS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Feeding Hills held its monthly roast beef supper for May. Volunteering their services to the supper's success included, from left - Joanne Hudson, Virginia Lake, and Barbara Toon. Advertiser News photo by Kathy

Strawberry Chicken Supper At Valley Community Church

What's in a name? At first glance, a strawberry chicken supper sounds like some exotic poultry dish that sends our taste buds clashing at the mere suggestion of the combination.

Our final supper of the season is not a special strawberry-glazed chicken or strawberry-stuffed chicken. Each dish is separate, distinct, and delicious in its own right. Come on Saturday evening, June 10th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

First, you'll be treated to our regular, lightly seasoned, baked half a chicken with stuffing. Add to this a selection of summer salads, baked beans, condi- exotic sounding food dishes when you can get the ments, rolls, choice of drinks, and you have a meal in

To put the final touch on your meal, we offer our stupendous strawberry shortcake instead of our regular variety of desserts. We're talking fresh, locallygrown, hand-picked strawberries smothered over homemade baked buscuits - the kind that Grandma used to make. As a matter of fact, Grandma did make these and the whipped-up fresh cream to go with it.

Why go to one of those expensive places with

real thing right around the corner at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA.

All of the above is only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. There's comfortable seating for all and plenty of parking, so join us for this, our last chicken supper of the season (though you might like to join us for a pig roast next Saturday at 3:00 p.m.).

For reservations, call Jeff at 789-2552, Shirley at 786-2576, or the church at 786-2445.

Church News From Faith Bible Church

On Saturday, June 17th, the Teen Ministry will kick off with a Hawaiin theme pool party/cookout. All teens are invited to the home of the Smiths from 5:00-9:00 p.m. See the Smiths for any additional information. This promises to be great fun.

On Friday, June 23rd, the Youth Super-rally will be held at Six Flags, a whole day of fun at the park. All kids are invited and there will be a fee to enter. Anyone interested, please call the church at 786-1681.

We are having a new member induction this Sunday, June 11th. Anyone interested in joining at that time should contact Marilyn Cote or Michelle Hanzel. We are planning another large tag/bake sale for September. Start filling a cor-

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Tuesday mornings, our ladies are still getting together for the Women's Bible Study from 9:30-10:30 each week and as always, nursery is provided at the church.

The excitement is building as we will be breaking ground for our new addition as scheduled on June 12th. This is quite an accomplishment, as prayers have been answered. We are currently outgrowing the building we are in and need the extra room for Sunday School and a Youth Chapel. Many new families are joining and the addition room will be a welcome relief. Watch for the digging!

Strawberry Supper At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a "Strawberry Supper" and food sale on Saturday, June 17th.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight, and preschool-age children are free. Continuous servings are from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner in our newly-renovated church

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679.

The Right Kind Of Faith

What kind of faith do you need to be forgiven of your sins and to obtain peace with God? The right kind of faith focuses on Jesus Christ. Here's what to do:

- 1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3
- 2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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The Comforter Has Come

One of life's worst experiences is loneliness. If you think about it, it seems that loneliness is worse than pain, loss, or most of the other challenges we as human beings face. We find that pain is far more tolerable if we are not lonely in the midst of bearing it. The same is true if we suffer a loss or some other tragedy. It is said that "misery loves company," but in reality it is the miserable who love company. We hate to be alone, or lonely, in times of trouble. It is also true that we hate to be lonely in the midst of good times. It is also said that "it is lonely at the top"; the implication being that "being at the top" has its drawbacks.

There is more to loneliness than simply being alone. Being alone is sometimes very desirable, especially when our lives are full of people and activity. Sometimes in such cases, we need a little time to be by ourselves and to decompress. Perhaps one of the distinctions between being lonely and being alone is that being alone is usually voluntary and temporary. Being lonely usually happens to a person against his or her will. Loneliness is also usually accompanied by a sense of lostness and a discomfort about the unknowability of the future.

There is nothing wrong with us if we do not want, or like to be, lonely. Our reaction to loneliness is natural. God knows how we feel about being lonely, and He has provided a perfect remedy for any person's loneliness. God's perfect remedy for loneliness is God Himself.

As Jesus was preparing His disciples for the reality of His departure, they were naturally saddened by the news. They wanted their experiences with Jesus to go on forever. They realized that Jesus' departure would be permanent. Their lives had been so dramatically changed by Jesus; how could they bear to go on without Him?

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth." The world for Counselor is parakletos, which is variously translated Comforter, Helper, Advocate, or Strengthener. Parakletos com-

Annual Strawberry Supper At Agawam Congregational

The annual Strawberry Supper at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will take place on June 15th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include ham, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, and rolls and butter. All this will be topped off by delicious homemade strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Cost for adults is only \$7.50 and \$4 for children. Reservations may be made before June 14th by calling the church office in the morning (786-7111) or Carol Allen in the evening (789-0187).

Hope you can join us.

St. John's Cub Scouts Plan Bottle Drive, June 10th

St. John's Cub Scouts will-be holding their spring bottle drive on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The Scouts will be asking neighbors to donate their redeemables or you may drop them off on Saturday. To arrange for pick-up, call Cathy at 786-5103. The Scouts will also be holding a car wash on June 10th, so after you drop off your bottles and cans, you can get your car washed.

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bines two Greek words, "with" and "called" or "summoned." The "with" part emphasizes that the Spirit of truth, a.k.a. the Holy Spirit, is with us. He comes alongside us, to travel through the paths of life with us. The "called" or "summoned" part emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is summoned by God the Son, Jesus, and sent by God the Father. In other words, Jesus promised His followers that they need never be, nor feel, lonely.

The Holy Spirit empowers the people of God to live according to God's will, and also to serve God. Admittedly, all of us need help to do both. The Holy Spirit distributes certain gifts to the people of God to help us. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

To help us live according to God's will, there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom and the message of knowledge by the same Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit's wisdom and knowledge, because our own understanding of our circumstances is limited, whereas God's understanding of things is unlimited. If we are honest with ourselves, we will acknowledge that we never fully understand our present circumstances. At best, we can only partially anticipate future events. Since God is willing, even wanting, to share His wisdom and knowledge with us, wouldn't we be foolish to turn down such an offer?

To both enable us to believe in Jesus, and then to serve God, there is the gift of faith by the same Spirit. To empower us to serve God, there are the gifts of healing by that one Spirit, miraculous powers, prophecy, the ability to distinguish between spirits, speaking in different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues. The empowering gifts of the Holy Spirit enable God's people to do supernatural things. The Bible records many miraculous events in Jesus' ministry. Jesus said, "Believe Me when I say that I am the Father and that the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves." It might surprise some people to know that there are many miraculous works and events connected to Jesus' followers as well, but it's all there in the Bible. That shouldn't surprise anybody, since Jesus Himself had said, "Anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

The Comforter has come. The Holy Spirit continues to this day in His role as the *Paraklete* of God. He wants to draw each of us ever closer to God, and to connect us to the love of God. He can eradicate our loneliness and empower us to live the full and complete lives God wants us to live, no matter how good or bad our circumstances may be.

Church News At Valley Community

June is busting out all over and so is Valley Community Church as we celebrate the glory of God and His son, Jesus Christ through our worship, missions, and fellowship ministry. We invited the community at large to come visit and share with us any or all of our church activities, but particularly encourage you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 a.m.

Below is a listing of events:

Thurs., June 8th: 10:00 a.m., Christian Ed. Board Meeting

Sat., June 10th: 5:00-6:30 p.m., Strawberry/Chicken Supper

Sun., June 11th: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service, Pastor Gene deJongh will administer Communion and Confirmation; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship and celebration of confirmants; 11:15 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Study

Mon., June 12th: 7:00 p.m., Board of Administration meeting

Tues., June 13th: 7:00 p.m., Board of Deacons meeting

Wed., June 14th: 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal Thurs., June 15th: 7:00 p.m., Parish Life meeting

Sat., June 17th: 3:00 p.m., Pig roast and picnic Sat., June 24th: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Church Tag Sale

Sun., June 25th: 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday Service, conducted by Sunday School youth. Christian Ed. presentation of awards and Frank Dunn Scholarships

Calendar of Events At First Baptist Church

Missionaries Rev. Paul and Winifred Dodge will be guest speakers at the morning service of First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., on June 11th. They are currently on leave from their ministry in Thailand.

They work in church development and health education through the Thailand Lahu Baptist Convention. A reception will follow in Davis Hall, where members will have an opportunity to talk with the Dodges and learn more about their work.

There will be Sunday School classes for all ages. Two adult classes are offered; the study of the New Testament and "All Ears," a Christian music appreciation class.

The Religious Education Board is planning for Children's Sunday on June 18th. It will be a day of celebrating dads, graduates, and children.

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Events and Activities St. John's Church

FIRST MASS: On Sunday, June 4th, Father John Gawienowski, a former Deacon at St. John's, said his First Mass at the parish. Father John was ordained on Saturday, June 3rd, by Bishop Dupre at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. A reception following the Mass was held in the Parish Center and was well attended by parishioners, family members, and friends.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS WEEKEND: It is that time of year when we elect five new members to our Parish Council. Those elected will serve a three-year term advising the pastor on the spiritual growth and development of our parish. The elections this year will be this weekend. June 10th & 11th. It is fitting that it is the Feast of Pentecost, the "birthday" of the Church. The nominees this year are: Joseph Audette, Wayne Ball, Pat Byrne, George Cornwell, Judith Cross, Carol Flood, Mary Gontczaruk, Angela Grout, and Gerard Parent. Two new youth members have been appointed to the Council for the coming school year, as we continue our efforts to discover and address the needs of our youngest members. Danielle Cardin and William Clark will serve a one-year term on the Council.

OUR ANNUAL ANOINTING MASS: Will be on Saturday, June 10th, at 1:00 p.m. Letters have been sent to our known shut-ins. If there are any of whom we are unaware, they are most welcome also. Some medical personnel will be on hand for emergencies, and light refreshments will follow in the parish center.

OVER-60 CLUB: "Sail Boston 2000 -Tall Ships" will be July 12th. Seats are still available. Cost is \$69. If interested, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: The process of registration for next year's classes has been finalized, and parents will be receiving a mailing with the pertinent information. To help in the planning process, families are asked to register children for next year's religious education classes before June 30th. The forms will be in the mail during the coming weeks. The fee will be less for early registrations.

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER: We are still looking for creative help in publishing the next newsletter. Reporters and composers would be quite helpful. And, anyone who would like to submit an article is asked to call Donna Gregory at 788-7681 as soon as possible. Names are still being accepted for a name for the newsletter. We could use some creative ideas and reporters to prepare some special articles. Would love to hear from you. Call Donna or Fr. Howard.

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Sean Altman performed in Agawam last year, while Five O'Clock Shadow performed during the 1998 series. Agawam fans can show their support by castvotes at VH-1's website their (www.vh1.com/undiscovered). The winners will present a live concert performance during August to be broadcast nationally on VH-1.

Altman is better known as the founder of 789-7393.

Agawam residents who regularly attend the town's Rockapella and for his days on "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?" One of his songs, "Unhappy Anniversary," is currently being covered by Vitamin C on her latest top-selling album.

> In a recent conversation, Sean thanked the people of Agawam for their support and indicated a strong desire to return to town in the near future. "The Agawam show was a lot of fun. My dad came up from Boston and I met a lot of great people. It was really a nice night."

> This year's summer series will be kicking off July 5th. The series lineup will be included in upcoming issues of The Agawam Advertiser News. Information can also be found at www.agawamcc.org or by calling



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News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion. This is Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation will take place. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman. Chris Kretschmar and Jeff Chapman will be our Acolytes. Children are invited to worship with adults, as this is the day we celebrate our Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Members should not that beginning June 18th our worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Make your reservations today for the Ladies Benevolent Society-sponsored annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 17th. The menu will include: potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, beverage, and (of course) strawberry shortcake. The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children under age eight, and preschool-age children dine for free. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. For reservations, call Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732, or Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679.

The deadline to submit articles for the next church newsletter is Thursday, June 15th.

On Sunday, June 18th, after worship, the Committee on Community Outreach will be again sponsoring a Bread for the World (BFW) Offering

of Letters. BFW is a national Christian movement which seeks justice for the world's hungry by working with national and international decision-makers. Every year, BFW spotlights a hunger-relief piece of legislation, and encourages members to write their members of Congress to support said legislation. This is the "Offering" of Letters. The primary focus this year is to increase funding for emergency food programs, including WIC (Women, Infants, and Children). We hope you will be able to join us on June 18th.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard this Wednesday, June 14th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

On the calendar:

Sunday, June 11th: 10:00 a.m., Communion/Confirmation/Children's Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, June 12th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Property Committee.

Tuesday, June 13th: 7:00 p.m., Community Outreach Committee; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, June 14th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, June 15th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study; 7:30 p.m., Christian Education.

Upcoming events at
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The Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main

The Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) will observe Pentecost Sunday on June 11th with a celebration of Church School Day, which will recognize children and teachers for an outstanding year of work. The service is at 10:30 a.m., and following the program for the children, they will go to other parts of the building for a party. People remaining through the balance of the service will hear a sermon by the Rev. Eric Bascom on family life and the Holy Spirit, "Let God Empower Your Family."

Beginning June 18th, we will begin our Summer Schedule. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the summer months.

The Ladies Aid will hold its Annual Picnic at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 15th, at the home of Doris Preston.

The Annual Strawberry Supper is at 5:30 p.m. on June 15th. The menu includes ham, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, rolls and butter, and the very special dessert of homemade strawberry shortcake. Adults are \$7.50, and children are \$4. Telephone the church (786-7111) or Carol Allen (789-1087) for reservations. Reservations close on June 14th.

Plans are underway for the special summer program. This year's Vacation Bible Camp, "HolyWord," will be held from July 24th through July 28th, with Suanne Hansen in charge.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

Third Annual Baseball Trip - Any interested parties? Please call Bill Martin at 789-1063.



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Sasha ZeBryk Chosen Woman Of The Year By Women Business Owners Alliance

Agawam resident Sasha ZeBryk has been chosen Business Woman of the Year 2000 by the Women Business Owners Alliance of Pioneer Valley, Inc. Sasha is president and owner of SashaSpeaks Seminars and is active in various professional, community, and civic organizations.

The award will be presented at the annual banquet on June 15th. In announcing the award, it was said that, "Sasha's enthusiastic approach to her work is matched only by the generosity of her spirit in helping women improve their personal and professional skills with confidence and strength. She is the cosummate communicator who inspires others to develop their speaking and communication skills as well as to seek a life of joyful, creative abundance. She has poured her heart into everything she does with her trademark three P's - purpose, power, and passion."

One member wrote, "Sasha ZeBryk makes me feel I could do anything, which is the hallmark of any good teacher, mentor, muse, or role model."

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ZeBryk is a professional speaker, trainer, and educator. She grew up in the hills of Pittsburgh, PA and is a graduate of Franciscan University in Ohio with a degree in English. SashaSpeaks Seminars was started in 1994. She brings to her programs the collective experience of owning three businesses, designing training programs for a national fitness company, executive recruiter, district sales manager, retail store manager, and educator.

At the age of 19, she was chosen Miss Bell Telephone of Pittsburgh. Sasha says the present is the most satisfying part of her career because she can apply her experience, background, and natural instincts in a way that has a positive impact on the lives of others.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western Conference Center on Riverdale Road in West Springfield on Thursday, June 15th and is open to the public. For reservations, please call 827-4182.

WWF Exec. To **Keynote At Banquet**

Ed Cohen, Senior Vice-President of Booking and Operations for World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, will provide the keynote address at the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc.'s annual Small Business Recognition Banquet. The event will also honor TSM Design of Springfield with the ACCGS Small Business of the Year Award and recognize over 30 area small businesses.

Among the local businesses to be honored are Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., Campbell Management Company, Shooting Star Dance Studio, and The Kids' Place, Inc.

Cohen, who joined World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. in 1982, is a 1978 graduate of Roger Williams University.

The banquet will be held on Monday, June 12th, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. A private media reception will begin at 5:00 p.m. The general reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., and dinner will commence at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations and/or further information about the recognition banquet, contact Nancy Creed at 755-1316.

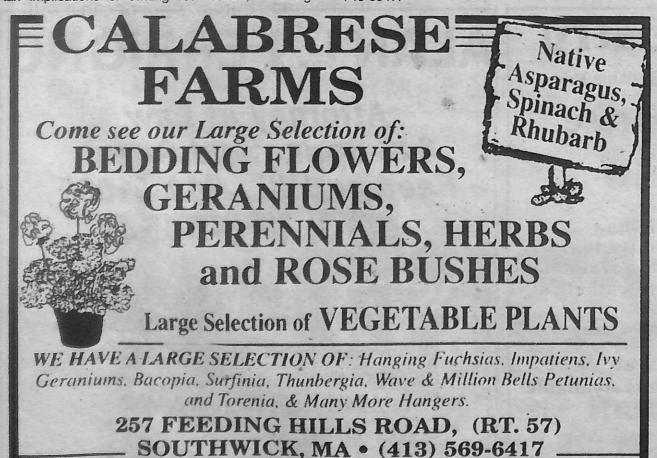
Realtor Earns Senior Specialist Designation

Seniors who need advice about their homes and rental properties can turn to Cate Shea, a realtor with Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates in Longmeadow. Shea, who has been in the real estate business since 1994, recently was awarded the Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES) professional designation by the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council in Murphys, California.

Senior Real Estate Specialists help seniors make wise decisions about selling the family home, buying rental property, managing the capital gains and estate tax implications of owning real estate, obtaining a reverse mortgage, moving to a senior community, and other issues. By earning the SRES designation, Shea has demonstrated that she has the requisite knowledge, experience, and expertise to be a senior real estate specialist.

The Senior Advantage Real Estate Council (SAREC) tracks the special issues and needs of senior property owners and provides education to REALTORS who make seniors an important focus of their business.

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Automobile Insurance is sometimes complex and confusing. There are four (4) parts to Compulsory Insurance, that is, insurance that you must have, and eight (8) parts to Optional Insurance, that is, insurance you may choose to purchae

This article examines one aspect of the various different types of coverage.

PART 3: BODILY INJURY CAUSED BY AN UNIN-SURED AUTO

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- Anyone else for damages he or she is entitled to recover because of injury to a person covered under this Part.

(To be continued next week...)

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minimum of six years of service also qualify.

- * Rural Housing Program: Offers 100-percent financing. The Federal Government offers this program to individuals and families that are looking to live in the suburbs.
- * Fresh Start Program: Offers 100-percent financing. This is an FHA Program with assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Less-than-perfect credit is acceptable.
- * FHA Loan Program: Offers 97-percent financing. Family members can "gift" the down payment to the buyers.
- * GE Cash Savers Plus: Offers 100-percent financing. The home buyer must have good credit.

Also, in most all cases, the closing costs can be "rolled into" the mortgage and be paid by the sellers. Thus, in all cases listed above, a home owner can literally buy a home without spending any money. Also, each of these loan programs offers low, fixed interest rates!

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in determining if you qualify for these programs, simply listen to the recorded info message at 846-



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- * Being cautious with your Social Security Number. Give it out only when required, and avoid printing it on checks or other similar documents.
- * Not carrying your Social Security card, birth certificate, or passport with you on a daily basis.
- * Checking your credit report annually to see if it is accurate.
- * Watching for any onlookers whenever you enter your PIN number.

The Consumer Privacy Rights Program (CALPIRG) is a non-profit consumer advocacy group that offers useful fact sheets on what to do if you are a victim of identity theft. Consider contacting the organization at www.pirg.org for more information.

Don't let telemarketers hand you a line. Before you do business with telemarketers, ask for their company name and address and request a clear explanation of the offer they are making. It's always wise to ask the caller to send you written material to study before making a purchase.

You are in control of a transaction with a telemarketer, so don't be bullied or intimidated into buying a product. If a caller demands that you make up your mind immediately or send cash today, prepare for a scam.

Most important, don't give any caller your bank account number; it may be used to withdraw your money without your permission. Credit card numbers should also be used with utmost caution in phone transactions. Unless you initiate the call, don't share your numbers with anyone.

Report any suspicious telemarketing activity to your state attorney general listed in your local phone directory and on the National Association of Attorneys General Web site at www.naag.org. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP to file a consumer telemarketing complaint.

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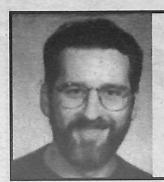




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My Life Experience Of Abundance

The problem with goodness column, of two weeks ago, brought this response from one AAN reader:

"The picture that first comes to mind is that of a person, me, holding on to my abundance wrapped in a blanket, of sorts, held tightly in my arms, so tight that I can't see it, never mind live it, feel it, or celebrate it.

"If I unwrap it, they'll set it, shatter it ... take it! Yet, I want it so badly! Is it better to contain it and hide it? Or is it worth the risk of living every second feeling the energy and strength from it?

"The bundle gets unwrapped much more often these days. Wow! It feels great to partake of each moment with it. Feeling my mind, body, and soul come to a different harmony and celebration of life together. Sometimes it's orgasmic!

"I've learned to unwrap my abundance now and then. However, I haven't quite mastered how to keep it unwrapped. So often the 'uncompanioning beast' scares me. I wrap up and hold on tight again, too afraid to stand and own what is mine. My bundle is me - possession of myself! Fullness of Life! Wow!"

The idea that goodness is abundance is wonderful! The writer gets it! She introduces us to the concept that the problem of goodness is intimately about having self abundantly.

She eloquently describes the dilemma of unwrapping her "self" to become more visible and accessible to herself. She provides us with the problem associat-

Katie Borowiec Receives Mercy Nursing Award

Katie Borowiec, RN, of Feeding Hills, was among six Mercy Hospital employees to receive Nursing Excellence Awards at a luncheon in their honor held at the hospital as part of the National Nurses Week celebration in May.

The Nursing Excellence Awards are given in recognition of nurses who have been recommended by their peers and whose practice consistently reflects high standards, projects a positive image of nursing, and creates pride in the nursing profession.

In presenting the awards, Beverly A. Ventura, RN, and vice president of Patient Care Services, said, "The nurses who receive this prestigious award represent the cream of the crop in our profession. Their dedication and focus on excellence exemplify Mercy Hospital's mission to be 'transforming, healing presence.' We are most proud of their efforts and are grateful that they are part of our team."

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ed with goodness, namely, naming it, as if a bundle covered over, afraid to be released, even to herself.

She also connects to the second problem I described two weeks ago, namely, the problem of sustaining it. She seems alive in the conflict within herself to hold it out, unwrap it (for periods of time) to own her own reality of goodness.

Once faced directly by her, she falls prey to the third element I described with the problem of goodness, namely, having her abundance amidst relationship. She describes her fear of the "uncompanioned beast" coming in to take her abundance away when it is revealed to her self then to another.

I understand this "uncompanioned beast" as another person ready to devour her goodness, taking it away to deprive her of what she knows is hers.

In my experience and language, this beast can be viewed as a presence from outside herself, like the family system attempting to withhold her living into her abundant potential. It could also mean the beast from "within." This beast could also be her own internal mechanism that struggles to maintain her own sense of identity different from her family system view of how she should live out her life on "their" terms and not her "own."

However we understand the threat to selfhood, the fear of either never knowing or not being able to hold onto our best, most abundantly good self, is most challenging.

Are you worth the struggle to come to name (know) your self? Are you worth the struggle to sustain (hold onto) your self? Are you worth the energy and challenge to reveal your self in relationship with important others?

The complexity of abundance in your life.

I can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001 or by phone at (413) 789-4460. Your feedback is welcome and as always, if I reprint any or all of your material, I will not publish your name unless you specifically give me permission to do so.

For Your Health is a regular feature of The Advertiser News...just another reason you turn our pages each and every week...



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
S. Schlaffer
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What Is Cervical Spondylosis?

Question: I was recently diagnosed with cervical spondylosis. What is this and can chiropractic help?

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In lay terms, you have disc deterioration and there are spurs forming at the margins of parts of your neck vertebrae. This condition is usually demonstrated by x-ray or a scan of the spinal column. You may have neck pain, limited motion, problems in the arms and hands, or other signs.

In the very early phase, treatment may consist of cervical spine rest by providing a linear gravity pillow for resting and sleeping. Depending on the severity of progression, conservative chiropractic treatment may afford relief.

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Two Meaningful Stories...

Last week was Memorial Day. Memories were in my thoughts, and I'd like to share two stories.

My neighbor, Marilyn, whom we were quite fond of, died suddenly this winter. We were obviously quite

saddened by her loss. A week after she passed away, my son, Jack, noticed something quite unusual on the tree in her front yard. On the tree, there was a splotch of snow in the perfect shape of a heart.

I believe Marilyn was just letting us know everything was okay! In my ad this week is a picture of "Marilyn's Heart."

The other story happened last week. My father, who passed away 12 years ago, was born on June 2nd. At work, we have a "word of the day" calendar. The word of the day on June 2nd was "perpetuity" - eternity; the quality or state of continuing forever.

I thought that was a neat coincidence, but then I attended the John McDermott concert that night. He sang a beautiful song about fathers, how we miss

them, and how they made us who we are. It was very touching and certainly reminded me of my father. Then the singer came out for a final encore and sang "America the Beautiful." This happened to be my father's favorite song and was sung at his funeral. I believe all these coincidences may not have been just coincidental.

I feel comforted knowing both Marilyn and Dad may be gone physically, but still exist in my thoughts and memories, actions and beliefs.

These beliefs, values, and ideas hopefully will be passed on to my sons. I guess this is what life is all about.

Thank you for allowing me to share these stories; they meant a lot to me.



Fitness Tips...

by Carmela Kirk, R.N. Fitness Director Fitness First

Exercise Common Sense...

It takes a lot of work to stay healthy. It takes even more work to get physically fit. To be an athlete takes hard work, motivation, and commitment. It is impossible to stay healthy without a concentrated effort at exercise. You may know someone who doesn't exercise and is without disease. This person will not be

without disease forever. It will happen, it just hasn't happened yet. People sometimes don't understand why this is. The answer is simply common sense.

If you think about it, our bodies are not meant for sitting and watching television. We are not meant for working at a desk all day and drinking beer at night. Our bodies are meant for fairly vigorous work on a regular basis. We are meant to eat three to four meals, we are meant for a good night's sleep, but we are also meant for outdoor work every day.

I know this, not because I am amazingly intelligent and intuitive, but because our bodies respond to exercise so well. If you don't exercise, ask someone who does on a regular basis. Ask them what they get out of exercise. As them if they'd be willing to voluntarily quit exercise for one year. There is no way I would vol-

untarily quit exercising. It keeps all aspects of life on track, it keeps things in perspective, it relaxes me completely.

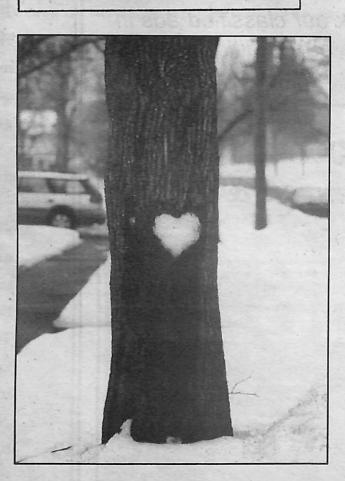
It is difficult to start a routine and stick to it. It's tough to change your program when it is time, especially if you are not sure what to do. If you do have a full-time-plus job that is sedentary, it is very difficult to even imagine having the energy to exercise on top of this. Common sense should be screaming at you that you don't have a choice. Common sense tells you if you want to remain healthy, you need to go for a walk at lunchtime or after work.

Deep breathing and stretching for 15 minutes a day before bed is a great way to start. The important thing is start. Listen to your common sense and stay healthy.

Our deadline is each Tueday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!



MARILYN'S HEART





Dr. Tami Nelson Hampden County Chiropractic 850 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA 01030 786-4820

Support Groups, Courses, & **Programs At Noble Hospital**

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, June 14th, 2:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 27th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The presentation will be "Diabetes and Sugar Substitutes" by Noble Hospital's dietician, Sara Sabelewski, M.Ed., R.D.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Diabetes Nurse Educator Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

Bereavement Group: Wednesday, June 14th and 21st, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, June 14th and 28th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

"How To Find Healing At Your Local Diner -Coping With Cancer" (a presentation by Ann Hallstein / sponsored by Noble Hospital and Center of Hope): Thursday, June 15th, 6:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Ann Hallstein is ordained in the United Church of Christ; has worked as a hospital chaplain; has a pastoral counseling practice in Northampton; writes and speaks on the subject of healing; and is a survivor of breast cancer.

The program is free and open to the public. Friends, family members, health care professionals, and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328. Refreshments provided.

Hospital: Beginning Tuesday, June 20th. Series of seven classes with Baiging Li, Master Instructor. Cost: \$63. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Class dates: June 20th, 27th (no classes July 4th), July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st, and 8th. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital. For additional information or for a registration form, please call (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, June 20th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture Contouring Surgeries, Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures for men and women. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required; please call Noble Hospital at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesday, June 21st and 28th, to 9:30 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

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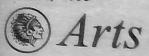
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Trip To Costa Rica February Of 2001

Leave winter behind next February and come join us for a natural history tour of some of Costa Rica's most scenic attractions.

Trip leaders will be Bill Martin, a member of Agawam Congregational Church, and Tim Barrett, a former Woodstock, Vermont school superintendent.

The all-inclusive price for this fully-escorted, eightday program is \$1,549.

For registration information, contact Bill Martin,

Upcoming Auctions

* June 24th, 10:00 a.m., Southampton, MA: Himmen Iron Works. Antique vehicles, tools, and collectibles.

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Agawam Public Library's youth services book collection with a gift of \$1,000. The money will be used to increase the large print titles available to children and young adults.

There are many young people in our town who, due to visual handicaps or learning disabilities, cannot read the regular-sized print in books for their age group. Specially published large print editions give these kids the chance to read and enjoy the same novels as their peers.

For example, the hugely popular HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS is now available in LP format, as are a variety of other highly recommended youth and teen favorites. Among the current everyone.

The Agawam Lions Club has recently enriched the offerings on the young adult shelves are Newberry winning novels like HOLES by Louis Sachar, and THE GIVER by Lois Lowry, along with novels by such highly acclaimed authors as Louise Erdrich, C.S. Lewis, and Gary Paulsen.

> Coming soon, thanks to the Lions Club generosity. are HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZK-ABAN by J.K. Rowling and HEAVEN by Angela Johnson, and many other high interest contemporary young adult novels.

> All of these books are available in the juvenile and teen fiction sections of the library, and are prominently labelled "large print" to make browsing easy for

The Great Pretenders Slate British Comedy



THE GREAT PRETENDERS will present "The White Sheep of the Family" at the Longmeadow Community House on June 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th at 7:30 p.m. (plus a 2:00 p.m. matinee on the 24th). Tickets are available at the door or by calling 821-9932. The nine-member cast includes (pictured above) Bob Lawson of Longmeadow and Cil & Jerry Millette of Agawam.



Oak Ridge Golf Club Junior Golf Program

All classes will be held at Oak Ridge Golf Club. This year's sponsors are: Oak Ridge Golf Club/The Strycharz Family and The Agawam Advertiser News.

Summer 2000 Topics

*Friday, July 7th: Equiptment, Etiquette

*Wednesday, July 12th: Chipping, Rules, Initial Talks

*Friday, July 14th: Putting Etiquette, Rules

*Wednesday July 19th: Full Swing

*Friday July 21st: Chipping And Putting

The cost for this year's clinic is 12.00 per child.

(This includes the cost of balls and the use of the clubs.)

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"The Food Dude"

by
John Walters
WHYNI AM 560



Some Cool Drinks For The Summer

This week's column will focus on cool drinks for hot days and nights.

You can always make any drink without alcohol. The summer days are not when you want all of the alcohol, anyway. Some refreshing spritzers are the best way to slake that thirst.

Fruit juices and seltzer are the easiest ways to fly. Add some firesh mint from the garden. If you don't have fresh mint, there is an easy remedy.

Stop by Cecchi's or any of the farm stands, and ask if they have mint plants. They are very hearty. They survive the winter and are prolific. I have some chocolate mint planted out back of the garage, and I have mint all spring, summer, and fall.

A few leaves of mint are the perfect pick-me-up for summer drimks. Try some in your lemonade, iced tea, and spritzers.

Mojitos and juleps need mint. A julep is just crushed fresh mint, sugar, and bourbon, with a splash of branch water. Mojitos are made of sugar, lime juice, rum, and a small amount of mint. Julpes and mojitos should be made with simple syrup, not just granulated sugar. These are simple drinks filled with flavor and style.

Spritzers are the coolest way to quench a thirst; they can be "spiked" or non-alcohol. Those of the non-alcohol variiety taste great with a scoop of sherbet added. (Actually, the alcohol drinks are good with

sherbet, too.) In cranberry juice, add a healthy splash of seltzer, some mint, and a scoop of lime sherbet. Bring two straws; they will go fast.

Here's another refreshing drink for you. Add chocolate sauce to chocolate sorbet, seltzer, and some fresh mint. This is so cool, your guests will freeze their tongues.

With regard to iced teas, do your friends a favormake fresh tea. The canned stuff is okay, but fresh is best. Down South, we refer to iced tea as sweet tea. It is already sweetened, so you will have to play with the mixture. It should be sweet enough to satisfy, but not like eating candy.

Adding orange juice is a nice way to enhance tea. Try rubbing a slice of lime around the edge of the glass before serving and drop it in.

Try watermelon cocktails. Take a fresh watermelon, remove the seeds, and run through your blender at the highest speed to liquify. Pour into a tall glass; add a spritz of seltzer, a scoop of Friendly's "Wattamelon" roll, a shot of Stoli orange vodka; and decorate with a sprig of mint. Your patio or deck is now "party central."

Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking, it's whom you're with.

This is "The Food Dude." Until next time, I'll be talking to you on the radio.

JOHN WALTERS, "The Food Dude," can be heard each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560.

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"Mother Nature"...



VISITING ARTIST MONICA BLEASIUS (left) portrayed "Mother Nature" for a program at the Agawam Library recently. Bleasius is a children's entertainer, and she is pictured above with Judi Clini (right), a member of the library's staff who is dressed for the occasion. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Suf. Players Slate Auditions For "Inherit The Wind"

Suffield: The Suffield Players will hold open auditions for their fall 2000 production of "Inherit the Wind" on Sunday and Monday, June 11th and 12th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at historic Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Avenue.

For information, call director Steve Mangine at (413) 747-3011 of (413) 783-0245.





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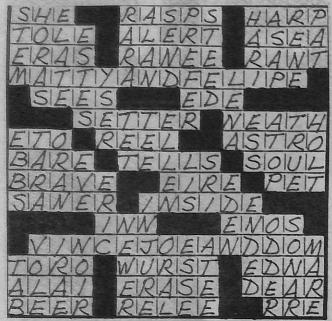
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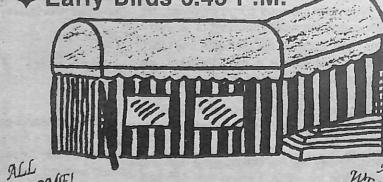
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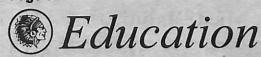
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From The
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by Judy Cohen
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Guidance Councelor

Will You Keep The Ship Afloat?

Jerry was summoned to my office. I was very upset with all the warnings he had received, but more upset after his mother had visited with me and shared the unsettling news that Jerry was planning to drop out of high school, something that was clearly unacceptable to her or her husband.

"Please help us, Mrs. Cohen," she implored. "We have six children, all adults now, and only one has seen high school through to graduation. I keep telling Jerry that times are different now. It is so essential to get a high school degree. His siblings are much older and it wasn't that way back then."

I took out a copy of Jerry's report card. Although the grades were nothing to write home about, Jerry was still in the running; he could pass all his subjects if he would come to class, do his work, and study for his tests. But, and this was a big but, he had to want to pass.

As Jerry sat across from me, I could tell that he was feeling a little uneasy as I took out his report card and discussed it with him. I finally asked the all-important question, "Jerry, what do **you** want to do? I mean, do you want to graduate from high school or do you have other plans in mind?" Looking up at me, Jerry replied, "I really don't like school. I think I'd like to drop our and find a job." We then began to discuss what kind of work he could find without a diploma and if he would be happy in that type of work. He wasn't sure, but he figured that it was a start.

I looked at the length of my desk and told him to imagine that it was his life. I then put my finger against the desk, measuring off where I thought about 17 years would be. "Jerry, this is where you are now. You have all the rest of this desk, this life of yours, to live. Putting in one more year at high school will only take up just a little more space, but what a difference it will make to the space that is left, to the rest of your life." Jerry thought about this, but wasn't convinced.

"What more could I say?" I wondered. Then another thought came into my mind...a ship in the middle of the ocean. I knew Jerry liked to sail, so I thought perhaps he could relate to the analogy I was about to make

I told him to envision that he was the captain of a ship that had sprung a few leaks. There were many people on his ship relying on him and his ability. What would he choose to do? Seemingly, without too much thought, he told me he would plug up the holes. Aha! That was just the answer I had wanted.

"Yes, Jerry, you would react, try to do everything possible to save the ship from sinking, and then take the ship and all those to shore who had been counting on you." I told him that he, now, was like the sinking ship. He could choose to bring up his grades and pass or he could choose to do nothing and sink. But, like the ship, there was precious cargo involved...his folks, his siblings, and the most important of all, Jerry.

Haltingly...not too sure of his decision...he said, "Well, I guess I could give it a try." Together, we mapped out a plan. Jerry would meet with each teacher and figure out exactly what he needed to pass. He would then proceed to make up the work he had missed, study for the tests, and try his hardest to succeed.

The task wasn't easy, but the stakes were high and Jerry was well worth the effort. Letting the ship sink was easy, but being able to plug in the holes, float, and reach shore would be so much more beneficial. Thankfully, Jerry has chosen to keep his ship afloat. Next year, I look forward to watching him reach shore as he crosses the stage to reach for his diploma at graduation.



THE PARISH CUPBOARD WAS THE BENEFICIARY of a food drive spearheaded by Math Club students at Agawam School. Pictured from left - Shannon Costa, student; Beverly Pasternak, Math Club Advisor; Candy Lash, Parish Cupboard Executive Director, and Joanne Surowiec and Ashley Guiel, students. Advertiser News Photo by Kathy Shephard.



AGAWAM HIGH MATH CLUB STUDENTS (clockwise) Joanne Surowiec, Michael Bachini, Chad Farrington, Ashley Guiel, Shannon Costa, Nick Krolicki were part of the effort that collected food for the Parish Cupboard (formerly The Open Pantry) of Agawam/West Springfield and are pictured loading the donation into a van. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shephard

Agawam High School Students Donate To Parish Cupboard

One-thousand pounds times \$2.25/pound equals \$2,250. That's the approximate value of the food collected by the Agawam High School math students in their second Annual Food Drive. Over 4,000 items were donated and loaded in the van belonging to the Executive Director of the Parish Cupboard, Candy A. Boucher.

The students, under the supervision of Ms. Beverly Pasternak, encouraged their peers to pitch in to help feed the hungry during the month of May. The food

they collected will last about two weeks at the Parish Cupboard, where people from Agawam, Feeding Hills, and West Springfield go for a helping hand.

According to Mrs. Boucher, "These young people are to be commended, not just for collecting the food, but for raising the consciousness of their peers to the issues of hunger. I appreciate their insights, their energy, and their solidarity. Perhaps when they are my age, there won't be a need for food pantries like ours."

Info. Regarding Ag. Public Schools' **Summer School 2000**

SUMMER SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Alan R. Cohen. REGISTRATION PLACE: Agawam High School -Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number (413) 821-0519.

ALL SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 4 weeks - 40 hours.

TIME AND DAYS: Classes will be every day, Monday through Friday, beginning July 10th and ending August 4th. Class time is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 each class (residents and non-residents)

REGISTRATION: Will begin Monday, June 19, 2000 through the first day of Summer School.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Full payment is due with Registration Form (available from the AHS Guidance

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end ofthe program. Two tardies is equal to one absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

THE FOLLOWING COURSE TIMES ARE SUB-JECT TO CHANGE, AND COURSE OFFERINGS ARE BASED ON ENROLLMENT.

- * ENGLISH, 8:00 10:00 A.M.: 7th Grade English, 8th Grade English, 11th Grade English, & 12th Grade English.
- * ENGLISH, 10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON: 9th Grade English & 10th Grade English.
- * HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, 8:00 10:00 A.M.: 8th Grade Social Studies, 9th Grade World History/Geography I, & 10th Grade World History/Geography II.
- * HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, 10:00 A.M. -12:00 NOON: 7th Grade World History/Geography & 11th Grade U.S. History.
- * SCIENCE, 8:00 10:00 A.M.: Physical Science, Biology/Natural Science, & Physics/Conceptual **Physics**
- * SCIENCE, 10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON: 7th Grade - Integrated Science, 8th Grade - Integrated Science, Chemistry/Con Chemistry.
- * MATHEMATICS, 8:00 10:00 A.M.: Algebra I, Geometry, General Math (Grades 9-12).
- * MATHEMATICS, 10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON: 7th Grade Math, 8th Grade Math, Algebra II, & Pre-Algebra.
- * WORLD LANGUAGES, 8:00 10:00 A.M.: Intro To French, French I, & French II.
- * WORLD LANGUAGES, 10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON: Intro To Spanish, Spanish I, & Spanish II.
- * PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 8:00 10:00 A.M., OR 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON.

Ag. High School's **Guidance Bulletin**

College Acceptances: Congratulations! Michael Grant: Holyoke Community College Nick Armata: Holyoke Community College

Seniors, please remember to bring a stamped, addressed envelope to the guidance office so your final transcript can be mailed to the appropriate col-

High School Rock Bands Wanted For "Battle Of The Bands"

Attention all high school rock & roll bands! The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Monster Jam Battle of the Bands on July 29th.

Ten bands will be chosen to showcase their talents and compete for prizes. The first-place band will receive \$100 cash, \$100 gift certificate to Gordon LaSalle Music, and three hours' recording time at The Warehouse in West Springfield.

In order to participate, bands must submit an official entry form and a demo tape, along with a nonrefundable \$25 entry fee. Any band interested in playing at this event is encouraged to pick up an entry form at the Agawam Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, or at Gordon LaSalle Music Shop, 326 Walnut Street, Agawam.

All proceeds from this event are going towards the building of a new skateboard park in the Town of Agawam. Please contact Chris Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 821-0514 for more informa-

AnnMarie Bianca Named To Dean's List

President Michael P. Riccards of Fitchburg State College has announced that AnnMarie Bianca of Feeding Hills was among students included on the Dean's List for the spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full-

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Lisa Reveruzzi Named To Bay Path's Dean List

Lisa Marie Reveruzzi, daughter of James and Patricia Reveruzzi of Spencer Street, Agawam, attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College and was elected to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Maroon Key membership is achieved by attaining dean's list standing for two semesters. She will receive her membership at a ceremony in September.

A member of the senior class when she returns in the fall, she is enrolled in the Business/Travel and Hospitality Program.

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Alison Jackobek On St. A's Dean's List

Alison Jackobek, daughter of Carl & Ann Jackobek of Agawam, has attained Dean's List honors with a 3.34 GPA for the spring semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Alison is a chemistry major, hoping to work in the forensic field after graduation. She is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School, and is a member of the Anselmian Abbey Players theater group, and was one of two freshmen recently elected to the Board of Directors for the 2000-2001 school year.

Kelly Cortis Named To Dean's List

Kelly Cortis of Feeding Hills was among students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Hartford, an independent, comprehensive institution of higher education, offering educational and career programs in 86 undergraduate majors and 57 graduate programs of study in its nine schools and colleges.

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AHS June 2000 Calendar Of Events

June 9th: Renaissance exam exemptions passed out; SENIOR PICNIC, HIGH MEADOW. Buses leave AHS at 9:00 a.m.; NHS COOKOUT

June 11th: CLASS OF 2000 GRADUATION, 1:00 P.M., SYMPHONY HALL, SPRINGFIELD

June 13th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the Junior Class; MCAS PICNIC, Periods 5, 6, & 7, Sophomores only; JAZZ NIGHT CONCERT, 6:30 p.m.

June 14th: FINAL EXAMINATIONS, PERIOD I: 7:25 a.m.-9:05 a.m.; PERIOD II: 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.; PERIOD III: 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; NHS BANQUET, Red Rose, Springfield

June 15th: FINAL EXAMINATIONS, PERIOD IV: 7:25 a.m.-9:05 a.m.; PERIOD V: 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.; Make-up Exams: 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. AHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL dinner meeting , 6:00 p.m., Red Rose, Springfield; SPRING ATHLETIC RECOGNITION NIGHT, 5:30 p.m., Harmon Smith Field

June 16th: FINAL EXAMINATIONS, PERIOD VI: 7:25 a.m.-9:05 a.m.; PERIOD VII: 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.; Make-up Exams: 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

June 19th-July 10th: SUMMER SCHOOL SIGN-UPS, GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

June 19th: FINAL EXAMINATION MAKE-UPS, 7:25 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

June 20th: REVIEW EXAMS - HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS, 7:25 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Mike Carney Part Of Westfield State Baseball Team

Mike Carney of Feeding Hills played shortstop for the 2000 Westfield State College baseball team, which posted a 13-21 record vs. one of the toughest schedules in New England.

In addition, the Owls, the team of second-year Coach John Griffin, finished third in the eight-team Mass. State Conference with a 7-7 record.

Carney played in 22 games. He had six RBIs and three doubles.

Happy 21st Birthday Jessica



Love Mom, Dad, Elizabeth & Samantha

Jennifer McGuire Named To Dean's List

Jennifer McGuire, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven McGuire of Glendale Road in Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2000 spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A rising sophomore at Hamilton, McGuire is a graduate of Agawam High School.

Hamilton College is a highly selective residential college offering its 1,650 students a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. Students are challenged to think, write, and speak critically, creatively, and analytically.

School Lunch Menu

Monday, June 12th: Pepperoni-topped pizzal wedge, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chilled assorted fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, June 13th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned vegetables, peaches in syrup or dessert, milk.

Wednesday, June 14th: Baked hamburg & macaroni w/spaghetti sauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, assorted fruit cup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Thursday, June 15th: Super taco boat w/cheese topping, steamed rice, cinnamon applesauce, pear macaroon, milk.

Friday, June 16th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned potato wedges w/catsup, pears in syrup or ice cream cup, milk.

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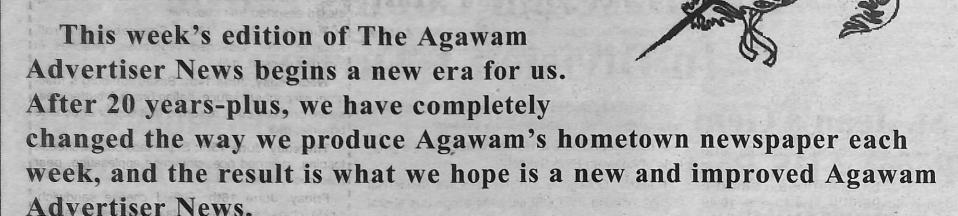
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To pull this off every week as we continue to learn our new trade, we need your help. This primarily concerns meeting our deadline of Tuesday at noontime, but forwarding your news items, classified ads, birthday card ads, letters to the editor, public service notices, family notices, etc., on Monday would be greatly appreciated. Please, publicize your events at least two weeks in advance - for years we have been able to accomodate townspeople at the last minute and sometimes beyond our deadline. We will be producing the various sections of The Advertiser News well in advance of what we've done in the past. Miss the deadline - wait until next edition.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Send in your news items through the mail (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills) by Fax at 786-0193 (it's on 24 hours a day, seven days a week), or hand deliver to our office. We are open Monday-Thursday at 6:30 a.m. and on Friday after 7:30 a.m. We will have E-Mail soon.

One final note - we also wish to thank the many, many subscribers who have already renewed their subscriptions. Without our subscribers as well as our loyal advertisers, producing a quality hometown newspaper each and every week would not be possible.

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AHS Baseball Looms Large In Division I Turney

St. Jean's Gem Paces AHS Past Westfield

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' baseball had a game on Saturday when the eighth-seeded and defending Western Mass. Division I champion Brownies hosted number nine Westfield, a tough call for an opening round game.

Coach Pete Clark sent ace Brian St. Jean to the hill. We asked not the best question of the coach at practice earlier in the week (but then, we've been spoiled by the defending Western Mass. champions). "Why don't you save your ace for the next game, against top-seeded Longmeadow?" The rationale being that Agawam has some other young guns that quickly came to mind - Derek Mercadante and southpaw Ben Lapins among them.

Clark, used to such inquiries, smiled and said, "Well, that's a thought. But if we don't get by Westfield, we'll never see Longmeadow." How do you argue with logic like that?

There was no argument once St. Jean walked to the hill. He has the three great qualities every pitcher must possess - cockiness, a positive arrogance, and a talent that says if he has anything to do with it, you can't beat him. That's why the pros are likely to fight the University of Tennessee for his services once this season is over.

When the nine innings were over at Harmon Smith Field, AHS rode St. Jean's arm to a 3-1 verdict.

Overpowering Fastball

"Brian has a fastball that challenges the hitters.

And we have a lot of good hitters here in Western

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JUNIOR CATCHER COREY FEDERICO (top) and senior pitcher Derek Mercadante (below) are two reasons why the brownies are in prime postition to defend their WMass Division 1 Title. Advertiser News Photo by Dave Pollins



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Brownies Crush Long. To Move Into Semi-finals

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

"No, we weren't intimidated by the fact that they were the number one seed in the playoffs. We were ready."

That's how Agawam High baseball Coach Pete Clark described the mindset of his club going into their quarterfinal game at Longmeadow Monday afternoon. Indeed, the eighth-seeded and defending Western Mass. champs got the job done, coming away with a convincing 11-2 win.

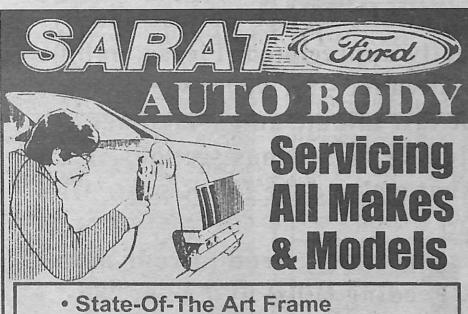
Agawam didn't have ace Brian St. Jean on the hill for this one because he'd pitched in the Brownies' 3-1 first-round win over Westfield on Saturday. Senior Derek Mercadante got the call and the ball and as he's done most of the season, pitched with distinction, giving up only four Lancer hits (all singles) in seven innings of work.

Add to the fact that the Agawam defense came up with big plays when necessary, and you have the makings of a well-deserved victory.

Agawam got its first run in the third off Lancer lefty ace Tim Murphy. The senior sidewinder had dusted the side in the second. (Murphy would have 11 strikeouts in eight innings).

But he walked catcher Corey Federico to lead off the third. Aaron Gilbert laid down a sacrifice bunt to first and Federico moved to second. Jack Pearson fanned.

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Massachusetts. He can be overpowering in that department. He'll learn, as time goes by, to spot his pitches better. When that happens, he'll be a real force," Clark would say after another St. Jean gem.

Westfield rang up its only score in the third inning on a Mike Sullivan walk and his theft of second. An Agawam error saw Sullivan score the unearned run.

Agawam, relying on its speed, had its ultimate speed merchant, Aaron Gilbert, reach on a single in the bottom of the third. The junior centerfielder stole second and came home on a passed ball, tying it at

Westfield had its ace, Brian Scheller, on the hill, The senior had things tied until the fifth. Then, Gilbert led off by beating out a ground ball to third. He swiped second and went to third on the overthrow to the bag from Bomber catcher Matt Patrick, Jack Pearson rapped a ball to first, which was handled for an unassisted out.

Gilbert, studying the play from the hot corner, raced home with Agawam's second run.

St. Jean shut Westfield down in the top of the sixth. The Brownies came back for another run when it was their turn. Junior Tony LeClair walked to lead things off. Senior Derek Mercadante sacrified LeClair to second. A dropped third strike to Brian Chechile had the play at first with LeClair taking third. Freshman Matt Rheault, starting in leftfield at such a tender age, then belted one over the second base bag, sending LeClair home for a 3-1 Brownie lead.

It would stay that way for the duration. The only drama left would come with two Bombers out in the ninth and St. Jean working on a no-hitter. Westfield Coach Tom Sgroi sent pinch-hitter Jeremy Beltrandi to the plate. Beltrandi, swinging late on a fast ball, slapped a fade down the first base line, just beyond the diving LeClair, who was going towards the bag. It was a hit all the way and broke up St. Jean's second bid for a no-hitter this season.

It made little difference. A Bomber walk and a force at second sealed the Brownies' win.

St. Jean, with his second one-hitter this year, (he also has two two-hitters and a no-hitter), dusted 13.

That first-round victory set Agawam up for a prodigious test - a second-round game at Longmeadow against the top-seeded Lancers (see related story).

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Then, St. Jean, the designated hitter on this day, lined a sharp single to left-center, plating Federico.

Lancers Mount A Mild Threat

The Lancers mounted a mild threat in the bottom of the inning. After a leadoff single, Mercadante fielded a sharp shot back to him off the next Lancers' bat, turned, and got the lead runner and second baseman Pearson, then gunned to first for a bang-bang 1-4-3 double play.

However, a walk and a hit batsman saw first and second occupied and the double play loomed large in the Brownies' fortunes at this point. A fly out ended the inning.

The Lancers came back in the fourth. After Merc rung up the leadoff hitter, a sharp single up the middle just got by a diving Brandon Donovan at short. Adam Derby then launched a bomb headed for the left-center gap, causing the faithful to slump in their lawn chairs. Gilbert, playing centerfield, was off in an instant and using his outstanding speed, tracked down the ball and made a run-saving and probably a homerun-saving catch.

With one out and a runner still on first, Gilbert again came up with a gem. This time, the ball was lined sharply to left-center. Gilbert, knowing he couldn't catch the ball, blocked it from going any further and slid 10 feet across the grass on his right side. In one smooth motion, he scooped up the ball and fixed a relay to Donovan. The runner had not expected Gilbert to do what he did and was 15 feet around third with Donovan about to peg to Federico when it dawned on him - he was dead meat by 20 feet if he tried for home. The runner would have been dead at third as well, except no one was covering the bag and he scrambled back safely. Lapses can hurt. A passed ball to the next batter saw Longmeadow tie it, 1-1.

Two More In The Fifth For The Locals

Agawam responded with two more in the fifth. Again the runs came from the bottom half of the order. Federico drew his second straight walk. Gilbert blooped one over short, putting runners at first and second with no outs. Pearson then popped a bunt to first and St. Jean struck out.

A single into center by Donovan and a shot down the third base line by Tony LeClair drove in Federico and Gilbert, respectively, giving Agawam a 3-1 lead.

The Brownies were at it again in the sixth. Senior Scott Harlin walked and Federico sacrificed him to second as Clark continued to try and manufacture runs. A slap single past first base by Gilbert drove Harlin home.

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Down 4-1, Longmeadow had its best and what would be last chance to do some damage in the bottom of the sixth. They had a bases loaded, no out situation when Derby nubbed one 15 feet in front of the plate. Mercadante was on it and flipped to Federico for the force at home. A sacrifice fly to left did get in one run with two down. But Mercadante got the next hitter into a 5-3 groundout.

Agawam's defense came through again in the Longmeadow seventh. With runners at the corners and two gone, a hard shot by Lancers' shortstop Chris Methe was headed towards the second base side of the second base bag. Pearson made an excellent back-handed grab and nailed the runner for the final out, preventing a Longmeadow run.

Junior All-Western Mass. hurler Ben Lapins took over for Merc in the eighth and went the rest of the way. The junior lefty got the side in order in the eighth and struck out the side to nail it down. Lapins has been injuryplagued for most of the season and his return to form is immense if AHS is to repeat.

Agawam would see a new pitcher in the ninth. Murphy had pitched a fine game to that point, but was getting tired. He got the first out, then gave up a walk to Gilbert and a single up the middle to Pearson, who promptly stole second. With one out and two runners in scoring position, senior right-hander Sean Ginley got the call from Lancer Coach John Mayo.

St. Jean walked to load them up. Donovan laced a single to center, driving in Gilbert. LeClair added another single, sending Pearson and St. Jean home. Lapins then did his part with a double to left, scoring Donovan. Freshman Matt Rheault, a player of great promise, got into the act with a triple to deep left scoring LeClair and Lapins. Agawam's final run came on a slap double to right off Gilbert's bat, driving in Rheault.

The seven-run ninth gave Agawam the win and earned them the right to meet fifth-seeded Cathedral (an 8-3 winner over number four Minnechaug on Monday) at Holyoke's MacKenzie Field at presstime (Wednesday, June 8th).

BROWNIE STATS: St. Jean - 1-4, 1RS, 1RBI; Donovan - 2-5, 1RS, 2RBI; LeClair - 2-5, 1RS, 3RBI; D. Mercdante - 0-2; Rheault - 1-5, 3B, 1RS, 2RBI; Harlin - 0-4, 1RS; Federico - 0-1, 2RS; Gilbert - 3-4, 2B, 2RS, 1RBI; Pearson - 1-5, 1RS, 1SB; Lapins - 1-1, 2B, 1RS, 2RBI.

PITCHING: Mercadante - (W) 7IP, 5H, 4R, 2ER, 3BB, 4SO, 2.57 ERA. Lapins - 2IP, 0H, 0R, 0ER, 0BB, 3SO, 0.00ERA.

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Girls' Track Finishes A Successful Season & Looks Ahead

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their fifth-place finish in the 17-team Western Mass. Division I Tournament, the Agawam High girls' track team managed to send two of its athletes to the State Meet in Norwell.

Sophomore Kelly Cassidy qualified in the high hurdles, and All-Western Mass. standout (senior) Kerry McGeoghan made it in the high jump. Cassidy was the 19th seed in her event. She finished 14th overall with a time of 17 seconds flat.

Assistant girls' varsity Coach Dan Pryce was pleased with the sophomore's performance, both at the States and at Western Mass., as well as at the PVIAC (Individuals) before that. "Kelly set an Agawam High record of 16.7 seconds at the PVIAC. The old record was 16.9. Then, at Western Mass., she ran the hurdles in 16.3, so she's improving. It was a little tougher for her down in Norwell (States). There was a lot of wind. A time of 15.6 won that event," Pryce said.

Varsity girls' Coach Dean Vecchiarelli agreed. "It was so windy at the States, they had to cancel the pole vault," he said.

McGeoghan, who will continue her track and field career next fall at the University of New Hampshire, had the 24th seed in the high jump. Although she has been operating on a bad leg for most of the season, she managed a jump of five feet for 12th place. Five feet, four inches won the event.

Pryce noted that more Brownie girls might have made it to the States, but rule changes this year gave the nod to the top two finishers in Division I and II, and then the next four qualifiers came from the combined Division I and II. That shut out some deserving kids.

Junior Laura Bucalo (shot put) didn't attend the states; neither did 800-meter runner (freshman) Jodie Pfau. Also shut out was the girls' 4x800 relay team of frosh Nicole Gendreau, junior Amy Jenson, frosh Kaitlin Sardella, and Pfau. At. Western Mass., they finished fourth in Division I at 10:38.7, breaking the old Agawam High record of 10:52.9.

Looking To The Future...

Even though the Brownie girls did well this season with a record of 7-2, there is no doubt that the future is where the real excitement will lie.

"Our 21 returning freshmen will be the key," Pryce said. "They are a very talented group." He went down



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 2000 Agawam High girls' track team were honored at the Track Parents' Booster Club's annual banquet at Shaker Farms Country Clubin Westfield last week. Back row: assistant Coach Ian Lane, Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, assistant Coach Rebecca Brown, and assistant Coach Dan Pryce. Front row: seniors Lauren Kunkler, Megan Hoppe, Amie Mahaney, Nicole White, Gina Loudfoot, Marie Buendo, Aja Paquette, Kerry McGeoghan, Kristen Lawson, and Jessica Menard. The Brownies finished with a 7-2 regular season and placed fifth at the 17-team Division I Western Mass. Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

the frosh list.

"Andrea Babbin will get points in the long jump and relay event. Also, at practice, she grabbed a pole and vaulted eight feet - not bad for someone who is new to that event." He also had good words for Katie Baum (long jump), Angela Buendo (100), Becky Carey (low hurdles), Lindsey Carey (long jump and high jump), Danielle Cirillo (200, triple jump, and 4x100 relay), and Heather Cox (pole vault). Cirillo finished fifth in Division I in the triple jump. She is the team's prime sprinter in the 200 as well. "Those kids will definitely be some of our prime point producers next year."

Then there are the freshman kids who participate in the distance events. He mentioned Leaha Daigneau (two mile) and Nicole Gendreau (two mile), who will be switched to the mile next season, according to the coach. Also on the "A" list were Michelle Gendron (800) and Kim Hoague (shot put), who was injured (knee) but is expected to recover. Shannon McDyer (high jump, high hurdles, low hurdles, and the 400) is versatile. They plan to feature her in the long jump. Pfau has her place in the 800 and 4x800. Sardella is Pfau's main competitor in the 800. "It's been a long time since we've had two

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Wild Win For AHS In Round One Of Softball Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Remember the line from that old Simon and Garfunkel song - "You believe you're cruisin' down the highway when you're really slip slidin' away."

That little ditty could very well have applied to Agawam High varsity softball's 15-14, 10-inning playoff win over low-seeded Northampton High up at Harmon Smith Field last Thursday afternoon, June 1st. At least it did until some of the sixth-seeded Brownies stepped up to stop the slip and reverse the slide.

But it was a dicey deal no matter how you looked at things. Agawam jumped in front early on. The Blue Devils failed to come up with anything in their half of the first. When it was Agawam's turn, junior Tiff Blackman started with a lead-off single to left. Junior Amanda Merola laid down a bunt that was supposed to sacrifice Blackman to second. Instead, the swift Merola beat it out for a single and Agawam had runners on first and second. All-Western Mass. catcher Dianna DiStefano lined a shot to left, scoring Blackman for Agawam's first run. Merola sped to third. A DiStefano steal saw Brownies on second and third. A passed ball allowed Merola to take home and after one, Agawam was up, 2-0.

The Brownies hit paydirt again in the second, scoring four more times. Junior outfielder Lisa Bienia (who would end up being one of the stars on this day) reached on a booted ball at first. With one out, Blackman bunted and reached on a no-throw to any base. Merola singled to center, driving in Bienia. DiStefano, who would go 5-7 on the day with 3 RBIs, drove in Blackman and Merola on a double to the left-center gap.

Then, with two outs, senior Jen Lyman topped a ball to third which was butchered, allowing DiStefano to score Agawam's fourth run and sixth overall for the 6-0 lead.

The third was quiet for both teams. Agawam picked up another run in the fourth on three straight singles. Lyman picked up run number seven on a Bienia pop behind first. The 7-0 lead looked to be good enough for

a win, right? Wrong! There would be a lot more work to do before the locals got out of this one.

Then, what had been happening to the Brownies with more frequency lately happened again - they suffered another case of the big-inning blues in the fifth, thus causing Coach Debbie Lickley to shake her head.

Sophomore Katie Ludwig, who'd been cruising to that point (giving up a lone hit), gave up a hit of another sort - a hit lead-off batter. And, as fast as you can say, "So long, control," Agawam had crawled in that space between the rock and the hard place.

After three more walks plus another hit batter, Agawam's lead was cut to 7-5 and, consequently, Ludwig got the hook. Lickley handed the ball to junior Danielle Bachini. Four walks, a wild pitch, a single, a double, and six runs later, the junior was gone and Ludwig was back in the circle. A single and two walks for good measure placed the Brownies on the short end of an 11-5 score. This finally convinced Lickley that her starter's tank had gone past empty.

On came Blackman. The junior is the third pitcher in Agawam's rotation and had hardly hurled more than a couple of innings in her time on the varsity. She usually holds down second base but had been playing some outstanding softball at short, where she'd been filling in for the injured All-Western Mass. Jill Gendron. Now she was being asked to contribute again - in the circle, with one out and a Blue Devil at every base.

Blackman walked in a runner (charged to Bachini), then dusted the next hitter and induced an inning-ending ground out. Agawam, now down 12-7, would score one in the bottom of the fifth. DiStefano would cross the plate on a two-out single off the bat of Lyman.

Neither team would score in the sixth. But the faithful had to like the way Blackman was conducting herself, shutting down Northampton through the seventh. Her efforts gave the hosts a chance to regroup, and they began their comeback in the bottom of the seventh.

Merola, all hustle all of the time, beat out a grounder to third. After DiStefano flew to center, junior Caitlyn Conte walked, as did Lyman, loading them up. Junior Keegan Clark drew the third walk in a row, sending Merola home. Junior Jenn Bishop grounded out to second, sending Conte home.

Bienia then drove a two-out offering off the Devil shortstop's glove that dribbled into shallow left, allowing Lyman and Clark to cross the plate. And just like that, the Brownies were sitting on a 12-12 ballgame.

Frosh first baseman Vicky Taylor drew a walk, sending Bienia to second. With a runner in scoring position, Agawam now had the chance to win it in regulation. And they almost did, except for a Blue Devil defensive gem. Blackman drilled a sinking line drive to left. However, there to hop on it was leftfielder Cass Drew-Berthiaume.

The junior came up throwing, and the strong and perfect peg (in the air from her hand to the catcher's mitt) gunned down Bienia at the plate. And things went into extra innings.

'Hamp scored two in the eighth for a 14-12 lead, prompting the faithful to fidget in their lawn chairs. It was time for the Brownies to play catch-up again. With one out, DiStefano (showing why she deserves all the recognition she gets) lined a single to center. Conte drew a walk. Lyman's grounder to short forced DiStefano at third. There were now two down and runners on first and second when Clark stepped into the box. A passed ball had Conte at third and Lyman standing on second. Clark then lofted a soft pop 10 feet in front of the plate. No fewer than three Devils converged on the ball.

However, treating it like a grenade, no one seemed to have a desire to field it. The ball hit and, biting like a Tiger Woods' wedge shot, scooted back behind the plate. Conte took advantage and came home with Agawam's 13th run. Agawam would tie it

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very talented kids running against each other in that event," Pryce noted.

Also back next year will be junior Amy Jensen, the team's top miler who also runs a strong leg on the 4x800 relay team.

Julie Pontz (low hurdles, triple jump, and 4x400) was mentioned. Kelly Reilly will contribute in the mile and two mile. According to Pryce, Allison Siedlik has a well of talent. "There's no reason why Allison, who is improving all the time, can't eventually run 60 seconds or better in the 400," he said. At Western Mass., Siedlik ran a 63.0 second split in the 4x400 relay.

Laura Zerra (800 and mile) and Danielle Semanie (mile and two mile) were hurt most of the season, but will be expected to contribute next season.

There are, of course, upperclassmen who will figure into the mix. Bucalo (shot put) will be a senior. Cassidy, the team's leading scorer and an outstanding dual meet performer, will be a junior and should keep rolling (or running) along. Junior Lauren Deluca will figure in the triple jump. Another junior, Ashlee Lorraine, will be back in the pole vault, and she was a member of the 4x100 relay team.

The Important Of Weight Training...

One thing all the coaches stressed was weight training for many of the kids. "The weight room located in the back gym will be open all summer. It will be run by Coach Chris Benjamin. Coach Benjamin is one of the best weight trainers around. He gets results. So I highly recommend that any kid who wants to improve for next season, pay him more than one visit, if they can," Pryce said.

The coach mentioned one final footnote to the season involving a trio of very talented seniors - sprinter Marie Buendo, hurdler Gina Loudfoot, and Kerry McGeoghan. All three have been top performers for Agawam girls' track their entire careers. All were captains this season. Buendo (long jump, 100, 4x100, and 4x400) injured her kneee and never really got to compete at all.

Loudfoot (hurdles) had two bad knees. Despite what had to be pain every time she took to the track and true to her competitive nature, Loudfoot gave it everything she had.

"It was particularly sad after she ran the hurdles at Western Mass. She went as hard as she could but didn't place, and when it was over you could see the disappointment on her face as she walked silently away, with her knees swollen," Pryce said.

McGeoghan, who had a 4'10" high jump at Western Mass., was working on a bad leg, which stopped her from competing in the triple jump or really reaching her full potential in the high jump.

"I feel that if those three had been healthy, we'd have finished second in Western Mass. behind Division I winner Longmeadow," Pryce admitted. Then he added, "I'm sure they were the most disappointed ones of all, but they gave a lot of time, energy, and dedication to AHS girls' track."

Brownies Fall To West Side In Girls' Softball Quarterfinals At Mittineague Park

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was time to play West Springfield High for the third time in the 2000 season on Saturday, June 3rd at rustic Mittineague Park in the Western Mass. Division I playoffs (quarterfinals).

It was a perfect afternoon for softball and the Agawam High Brownies, perhaps figuring the third time might be a charm, were out to avenge their 7-2 and 11-2 earlier losses to the Terriers. Agawam played nowhere near what could be called perfect, falling 19-4 in five innings by virtue of the 15-run mercy rule.

The writing was on the wall from the get-go. After the Brownies came up with a goose egg in their half of the first, West Side wasted no time going to work. A lead-off walk, followed by an error on a sacrifice bunt, a triple-scoring two runs, a walk; a wild pitch, a single over second base for another run, and AHS Coach Debbie Lickley had seen enough. Starter Kate Ludwig was gone and junior reliever Tiff Blackman came on.

Blackman snagged a comebacker and got the out at first, but a run (charged to Ludwig) came home. A pop to first and a strikeout extricated Agawam from the inning on the tail end of a 4-0 score.

Locals Tie It At Four

Blackman held her own through the second and Agawam electrified its following by tying it up at four in the top of the third. Blackman and Amanda Merola drew back-to-back walks. Dianna DiStefano flew out to center. Caitlyn Conte slapped one to short. The force attempt on Merola sliding into second was late and Agawam had a one-out bases-loaded situation. Jen Lyman then stroked a single to left, driving in Blackman and Merola, with Conte holding at third and Lyman pulling up at second.

Keegan Clark laced a wormburner to second and the fielder's choice went to first. That decision allowed Conte to score, making it 4-3, Terriers. Bishop beat out a bleeder to third and Lyman came home with Agawam's fourth run.

West Springfield responded and went ahead (5-4) for good in the bottom of the fifth on a walk, a wild pitch, a sacrifice bunt, and a second-to-first out that drove in the run.

Then, the nightmare kicked in again. West Side would score eight runs in the fourth and it was essentially over. They did it on four straight singles, a walk, another single, and three more walks before a two-out force play ended the misery.

Down now 13-4, the fifth saw Agawam fall in order. West Side put six more on the board. A lead-off triple by Alli Walker signaled the Brownies' demise. Laura Viamari walked. Christine King singled home Walker. Sarah Foley forced Viamari (6-5) at third for one out. Rebecca Dondi reached on an error, loading the bases. Blackman walked Nicole Hill and King crossed the plate, giving the Terriers a 15-4 lead.

Blackman, who'd pitched as well as she was able considering how little she's done of it, left in favor of junior Danielle Bachini. Bachini, facing a one-out bases-loaded dilemma, gave up a double to Kate Kokoszka, which plated two more Terrier runs for a 17-4 lead.

The end came off the bat of senior West Side catcher Sara Pope, who had a monster of a day (5-5, 2 triples, a double/6 RBIs). That double sent two more Terriers home for runs 18 and 19 and the mercy rule immediately kicked in. Lickley would say later that the score didn't embarrass her because her kids never gave up.

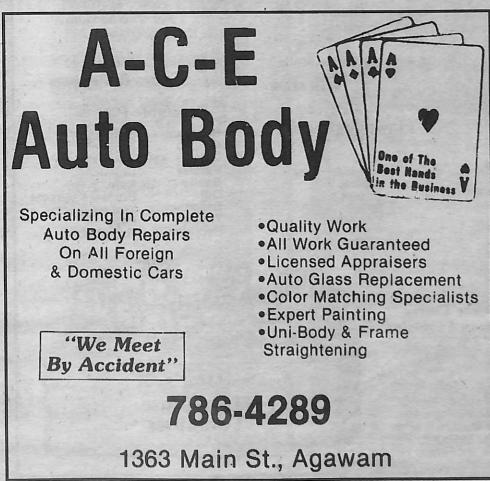
Agawam ended its season at 15-7. West Springfield (17-4) and at this writing still in it, had a Monday, June 5th date with number two Pittsfield (18-2).

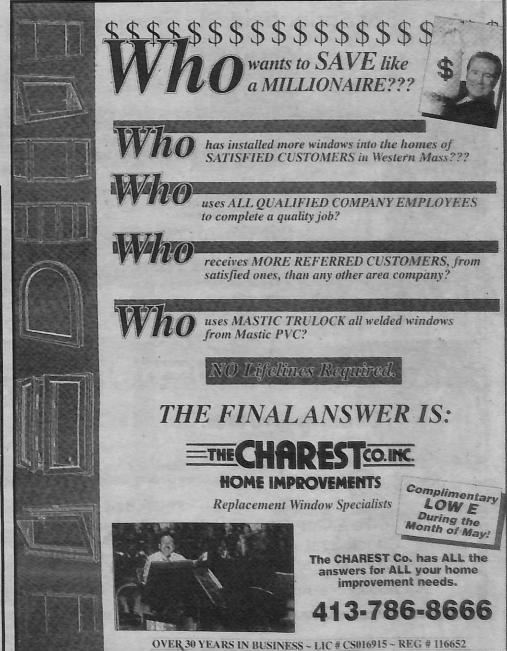
AGAWAM STATS - Blackmam - 1-2, IRS; Merola - 0-1, 1RS; DiStefano - 1-3; Conte - 1-3, 1RS; Lyman - 2-3, 1RS, 2RBI; Clark - 1-3, 1RBI; Bishop 1-3, 1RBI; Bienia - 0-2; Taylor - 0-2.

WEST SIDE - Hill - 1-3, 3RS, 1RBI; Kokoszka - 2-4 (2B), 3RS, 3RBI; Pope - 5-5 (two triples, 2B), 3RS, 6RBI; Patrick - 1-3, 2RS, 1RBI; Walker - 2-2 (3B), 1RBI; Viamari - 1-3, 1RS, 1RBI; King - 1-2, 1RS, 2RBI; Foley - 0-3, 1RS, 1RBI; Dondi - 0-3, 2RS, 1RBI.

PITCHING: Ludwig (L) - 5IP; 2H; 4R; 3ER; 2BB; 0SO; —ERA; Blackman - 4IP; 9H; 14R; 13ER; 8BB; 1SO; 17.50ERA; Bachini - 2IP; 2H; 1R; 1ER; 0BB; 0SO; —ERA; ; Farrell (W) - 7IP; 4H; 4R; 4ER; 3BB; 3SO; 4.00ERA.

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Any participant who turns 15 at any time during the calendar year 200 is ineligible to compete. All participants must compete in their age group and sex division. The use of track shoes with or without spikes is not permitted. Participants must wear sneakers or tennis shoes.

A participant may enter only one local meet. Participants shall not enter nor compete in more than three events at the local meet.

The program is free to Park & Rec. track participants and \$5 per child not enrolled in the program. Rain date is Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the High School track on the day of the event. A birth certificate is required at registration. Hospital certificates are not

The program events will include: Boys & Girls Age 9-10 - 50 meter dash; 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter dash; 4x100 meter relay; standing long jump; softball throw. Boys & Girls Age 11-12 - 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter dash; 800 meter dash; 4x100 meter relay; standing long jump; softball throw. Boys & Girls Age 13-14 - 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 800 meter dash; 1600 meter dash; 4x100 meter relay; standing long jump; softball throw.

Participants may go on to the State Finals held in Bellerica, Mass. on Friday, July 14th. There, a Northeast Regional team will be chosen and participants will travel, all expenses paid, to Hershey, Pennsylvania to compete in the National Finals on August 10th-13th. Participants will be notified by July 10th if they have qualified for the State Meet.

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"The two leagues have never faced each other before and we are hoping to start a rivalry that will last for years," said Earl "Bumper" Donahue, AWSL Commissioner. "I know both leagues are very excited about this event."

The game will spotlight some of the best players in Western Mass. that are sure to entertain all that attend. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served

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up when Bishop drove a ball to short, which went for an error and allowed Lyman to race home.

Blackman held 'Hamp scoreless for two more innings, bringing things to the bottom of the 10th. Clark led off the Brownie half of the inning with a single to short center. Bishop walked and, once again, Agawam was looking at a game-winning situation. This time, they wouldn't disappoint. Bienia stepped in and drilled a ball into the left-center gap, which was more than enough to score Clark and grab a hair-raising victory and send the ninth seed home.

"I haven't pitched very much, so I had to stay focused at all times. My defense just played great behind me. But they've done that all year long," Blackman said.

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Perhaps the most outstanding defender was DiStefano, who spent more time in the dirt than a construction worker. "Yeah," she said, obviously sore from blocking many, many ground ball pitches. "My motto is, 'You gotta love catching." Then she added, "I told Tiff to be tough and do the best she could and hope for good things. They happened."

BROWNIE STATS: Blackman - 4-7, 2RS, 1SB; Merola - 3-6, 3RS, 1RBI, 1SB; DiStefano - 5-7, (2B), 2RS, 3RBI; Conte - 1-4, 2RS; Lyman - 2-5, 3RS, 2RBI; Clark - 3-5, 2RS, 2RBI; Bishop - 1-6, 2RBI; Bienia - 2-7, 1RS, 4RBI; Taylor 0-4, 1SB; Burke - 0-

PITCHING: Ludwig - 4+IP, 4H, 5R, 4ER, 5BB, 1SO, 7.00ERA; Bachini - 1/3IP, 2H, 7R, 7ER, 4BB, 1SO, 16.70ERA; Blackman (w) - 5 & 2/3IP, 2H, 2R, 2ER, 6BB, 1SO, 2.47ERA.

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Outdoor Writer

Cape Stripers Turning On

Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of fishing with Mike Batta, who is the Northeast manager for Pure Fishing. These are the good folks who own Berkley, Abu Garcia, Fenwick, etc. Mike had just come back from the company's sales meeting in Iowa and was just as proud as a peacock to show off some of the latest in new products.

Of course, what better way to showcase some new fishing equipment than to take an outdoor writer out fishing! Mike headed the 19 ft. skiff towards the boulder strewn flats just north of Hyannis. The latest version of Fenwick's Advantix rod was married to the latest in Abu's baitcasting reels. I was throwing small bucktails with a plastic worm trailer and the outfit was absolutely perfect for the job.

This combo was rated as "medium" and the one Mike used was rated "medium heavy." The only thing the folks at Fenwick didn't know was we were using this tackle for a kind of bass that lives in the salt and has stripes!

The first keeper bass of the day came on the medium weight rod I was using and the smooth drag of the reel and the fine characteristics of the rod allowed me to land the fish on the 10-pound test Trilene line.

Although we are talking about "top of the line" equipment, once you get over the "sticker shock," the quality is worth the investment.

This kind of fishing was not too far from the type of fishing that takes place in the Florida saltwater flats. Most of the day we were fishing in 5- to 8-feet of water and could easily see the fish cruising the flats below us.

Several times we could flip a jig in front of a cruising striper and entice a take. The purple Berkley Power Worms in six-inch size were just the extra touch to dress the jigs, and we finished the day with over three dozen fish.

After spending a great day with a really great guy, I

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FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Bass fishing has improved in most of the Valley lakes and ponds. The upper stretches of the River have been slow due to the high water conditions.

The Oxbow section of the Connecticut River has been giving up some decent bass. Northern pike are providing some startling action for some bass fishermen. Pike action has been coming mainly on spinner-baits and jerk baits. Lures such as the suspending Rogue and the buzz baits are scoring.

The late emerging beds and pad fields should start holding some lunker fish. Weedless rigged plastic worms or lizards crawled over the pads should provide some hot action.

Kurt at Saunders Marina on Congamond Lakes reports that the bass fishing is hot. Customers are reporting some very good catches, including one largemouth that went over seven pounds.

SALT WATER

Long Island Sound party boats are running a variety of trips at this time of year. Offshore, distant waters trips are producing larger cod and pollack than earlier in the year.

Flounder and fluke fishing are picking up all along the coast. Live mummies on a bucktail jig are producing.

Stripers are everywhere, and as the action in the Connecticut River slows, the coastal areas will have greater appeal. Old Saybrook at the river mouth, Long Sand Shoal, Bartletts and Hatchetts Reefs, Napatree Point, and the Watch Hill Reefs are all producing bass.

Some bluefish action has started, but is far from the peak. Try the areas around Old Saybrook, the rip at Black Point, and other traditional hot spots.

The Cape and the islands are knee deep in mixedsized stripers and blues.

Offshore action should start up shortly, depending on water temperatures and the position of the Gulf Stream. Rumors of some shark activity off Delaware and New Jersey should be a barometer for action further north.

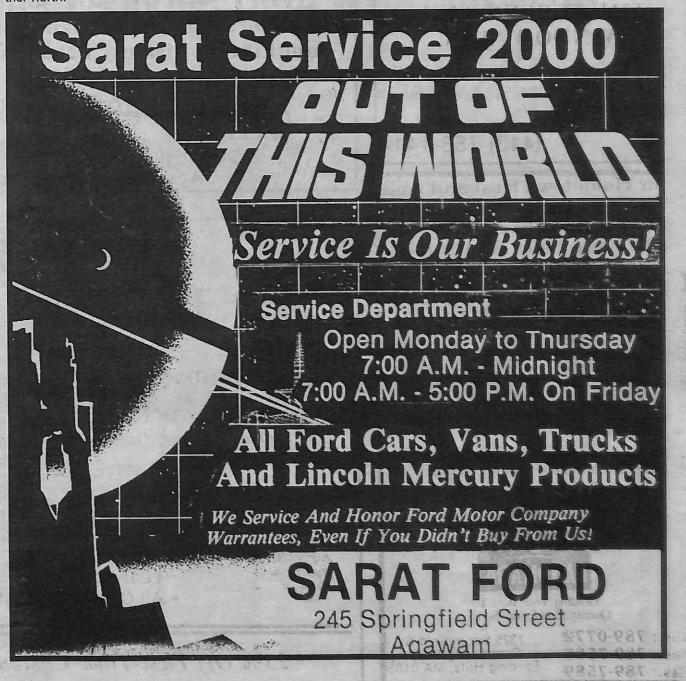
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CRW Landscapers, Inc. Cubs	4	5
Breakers Billiard Dodgers	1	8
Eastern Electronics & Security	11:	8
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Agawam Little League 2000 Major League Standings (As Of June 4th)

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TEAMS	W	A LO
Service Matters Dodgers	9	1
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	9	2
McNair Business Machine Mets	8	3
Bridgeport National Bindery	5	6
Royals		
Six Flags New England Orioles	4	6
Teddy Bear Pools & Spas	4	7
Yankees		
Cambridge Credit Counseling	1	8
Red Sox		
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TEAMS	W	L
E. Cecchi Orange Crushers	8	0
Tracy & Co. Red Devils	7	0
Allen Lawnmower Green	503	4
Gators		is Fir
District of Diagram Dear of	4	3
Firestone Red Sox	4	4
Bradway Limo Purple Eagles	2	5
Fran's Yankees	1	- 8
Wing's Yellow Flames	0	7
2005	78 57	

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Bobby's Bistro		8	3	M&P Siding	2	5	0	
Joey's Pub		8	2	Scibelli's	1	5	0	
O'Brien's Corner		5	3	Breakers/Pompeii Pizza	1	5	0	
Plainfield Scrubbers		3	7	E.B's II	1	6	0	
Polaski/Easton		0	8					
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Dante Club	7	1	0	TJ's Sporthouse		8	1	
GoodFellaz II	6	1	0	Civic Pub		5	3	
Abbett Bus. Ser.	5	4	0	GoodFellaz I		5	4	
Copper Door	4	2	. 1	Carregan's		3	7	
E.B's I	4	3	0	Olympic Fasteners		3	7	
Joey's Pub II	4	. 3	0	Light House		0	11	

SHAA Softball Standings (Week Ending June 4th)

13-17 TEAMS	W	L	10-12 TEAMS	W	L.
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Agawam Federal Credit	4	2	Jubco Landscaping/Green	5	2
Union/Green			River Auto/Maroon	4	2
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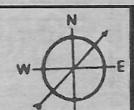
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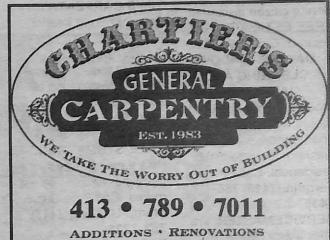
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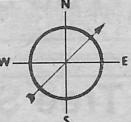
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